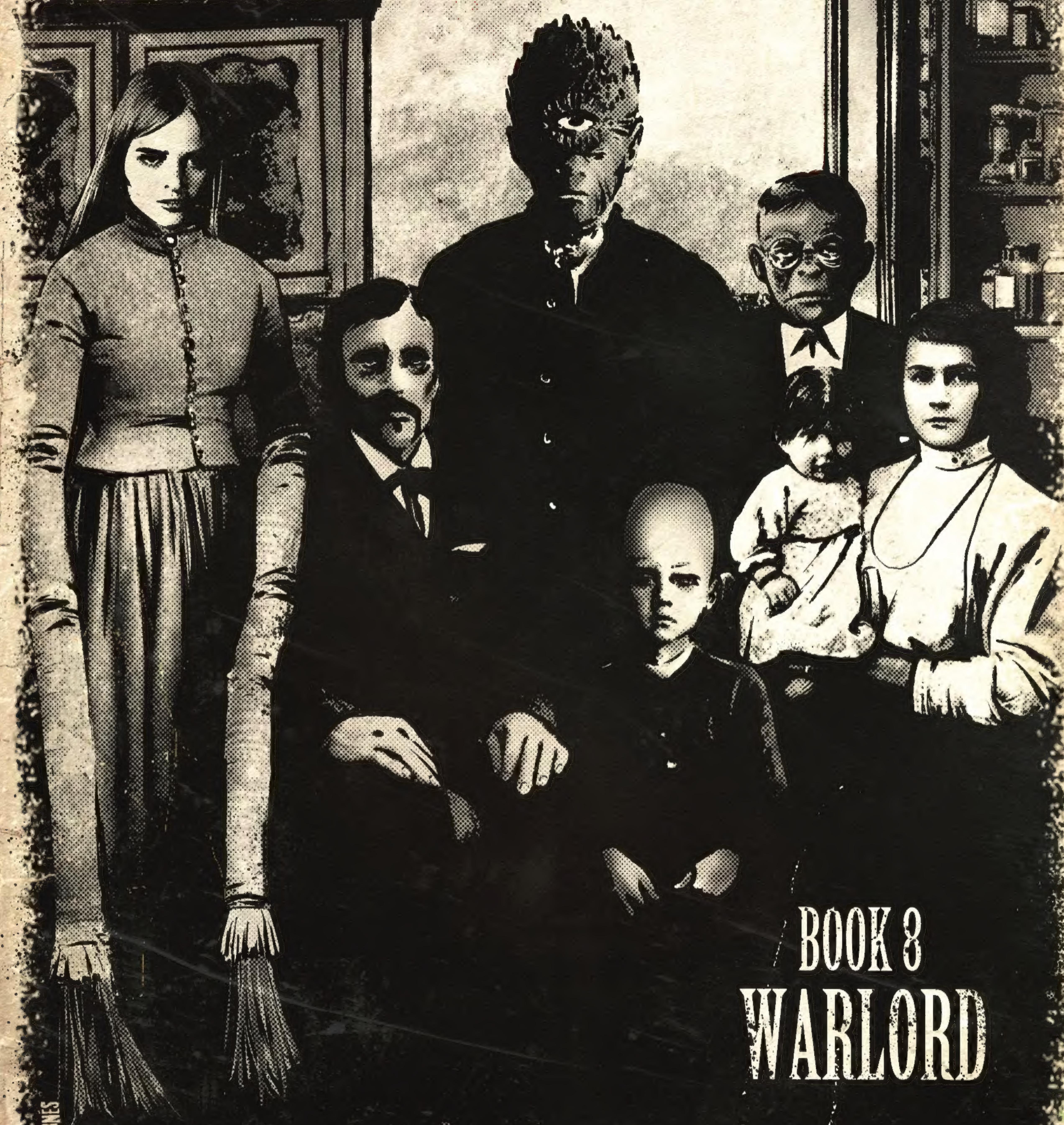




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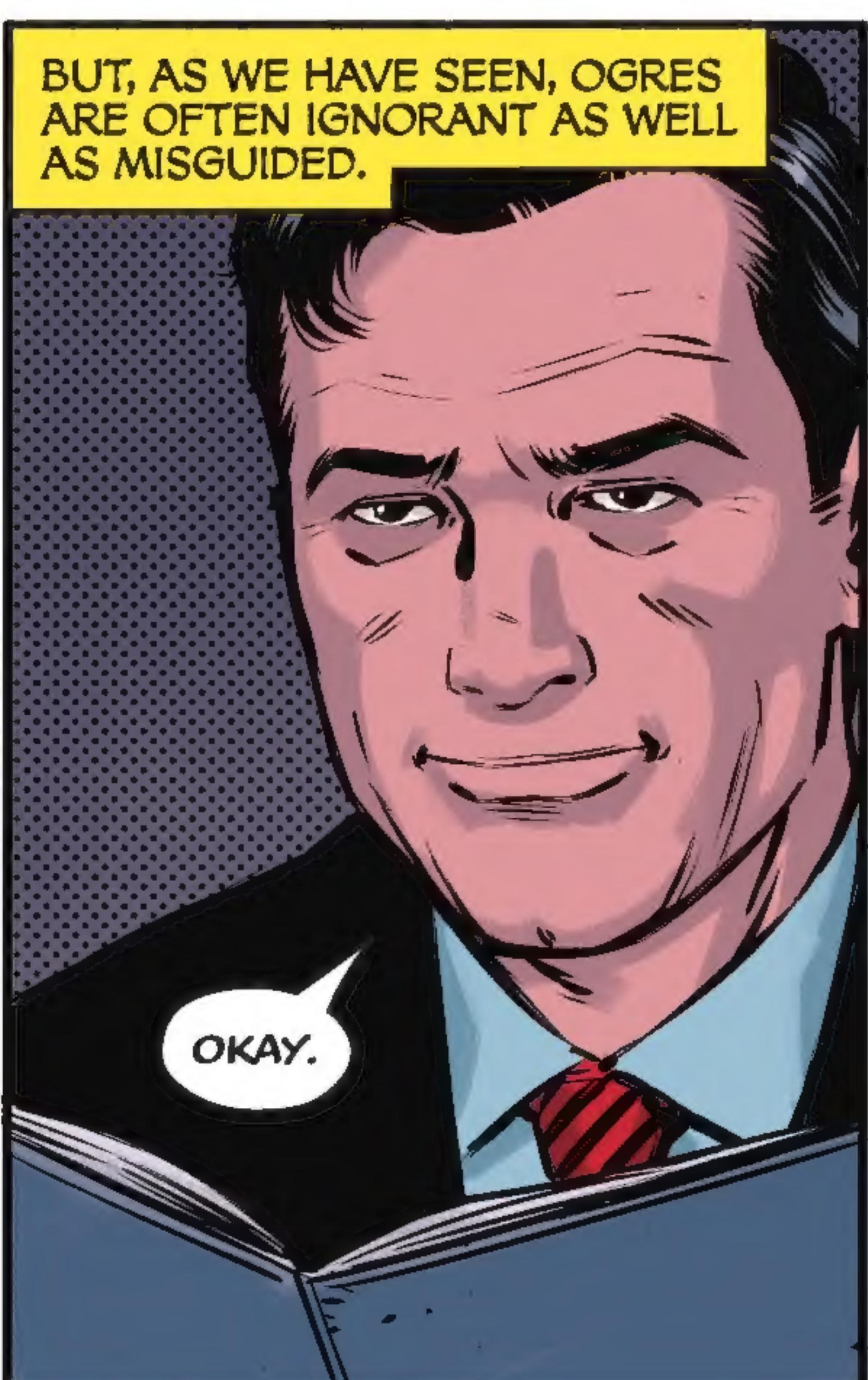
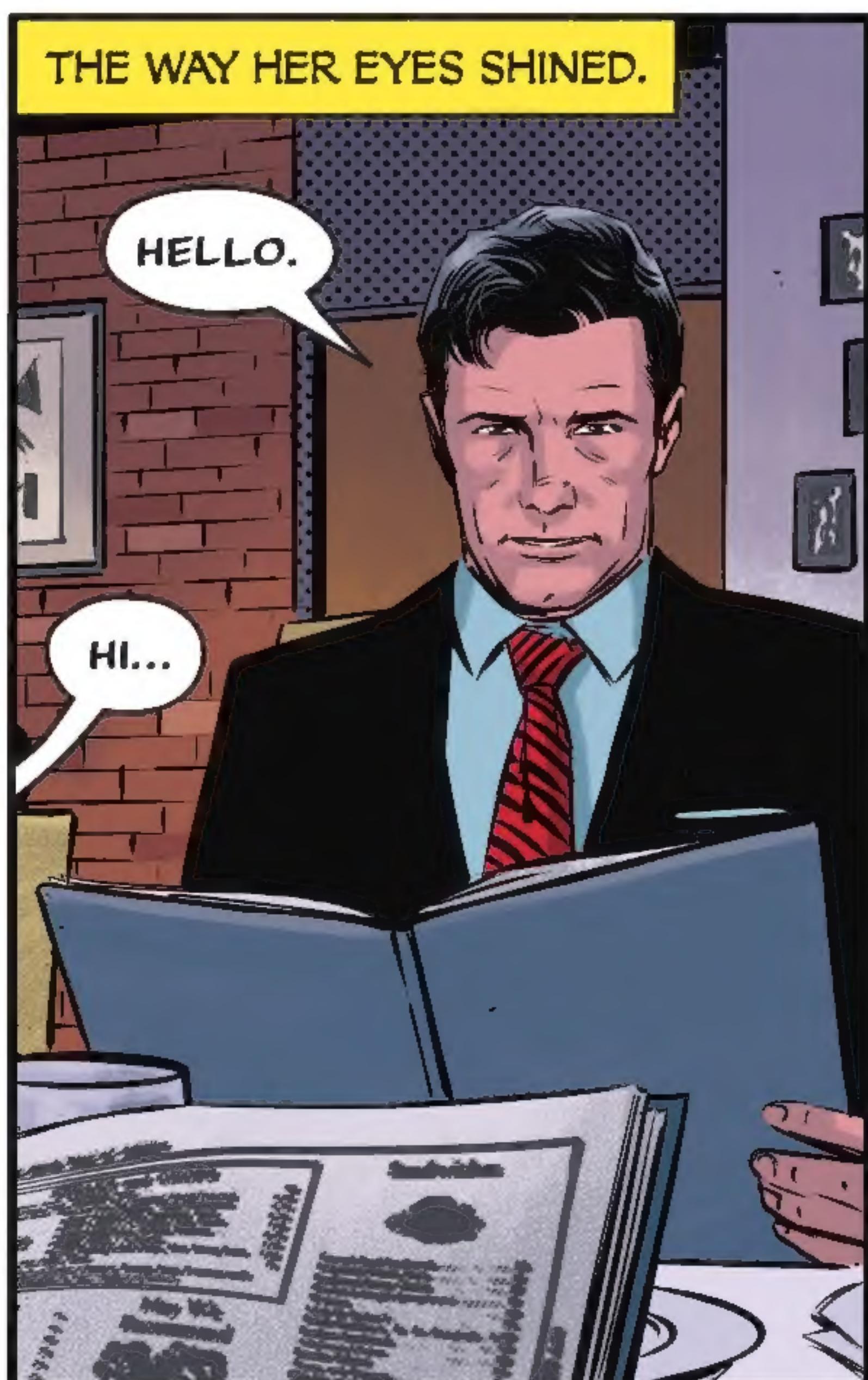
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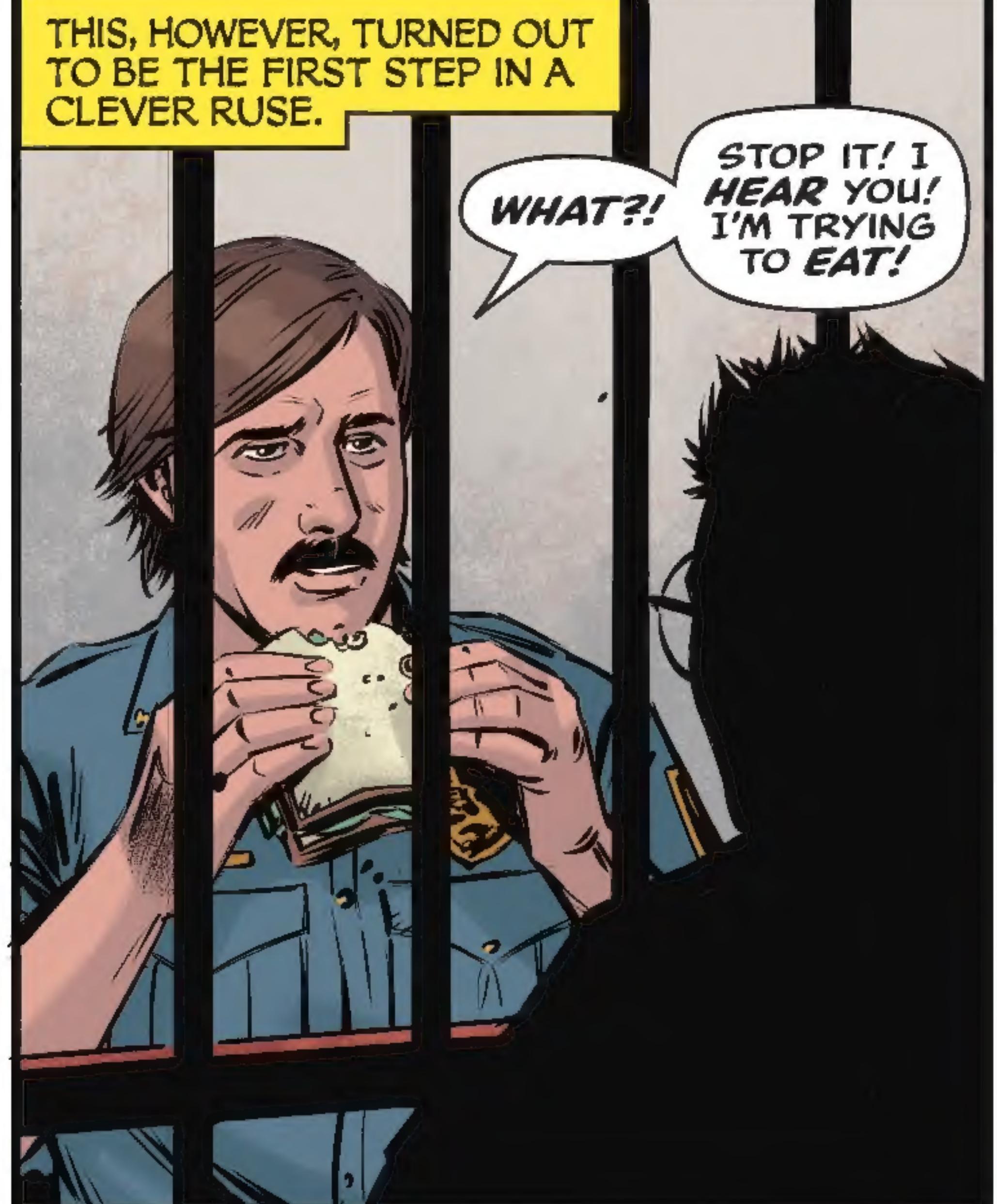
MEANWHILE, IN THE PRINCESS'S OWN DUNGEON,
A FAR TREK FROM THE VILLAGE, TWO OF OUR
LADS CALLED FOR HELP.



YOU WILL REMEMBER, THEY HAD
RECENTLY BEEN CAPTURED BY
THE GUARD FOR VANDALIZING A
SACRED SIGN.



THIS, HOWEVER, TURNED OUT
TO BE THE FIRST STEP IN A
CLEVER RUSE.



THERE'S A CLOCK
UP THERE. WHAT
ARE YOU ASKING
ME FOR?



I DON'T
KNOW IF THAT
THING'S **RIGHT**,
COOP. I DIDN'T
SET IT.

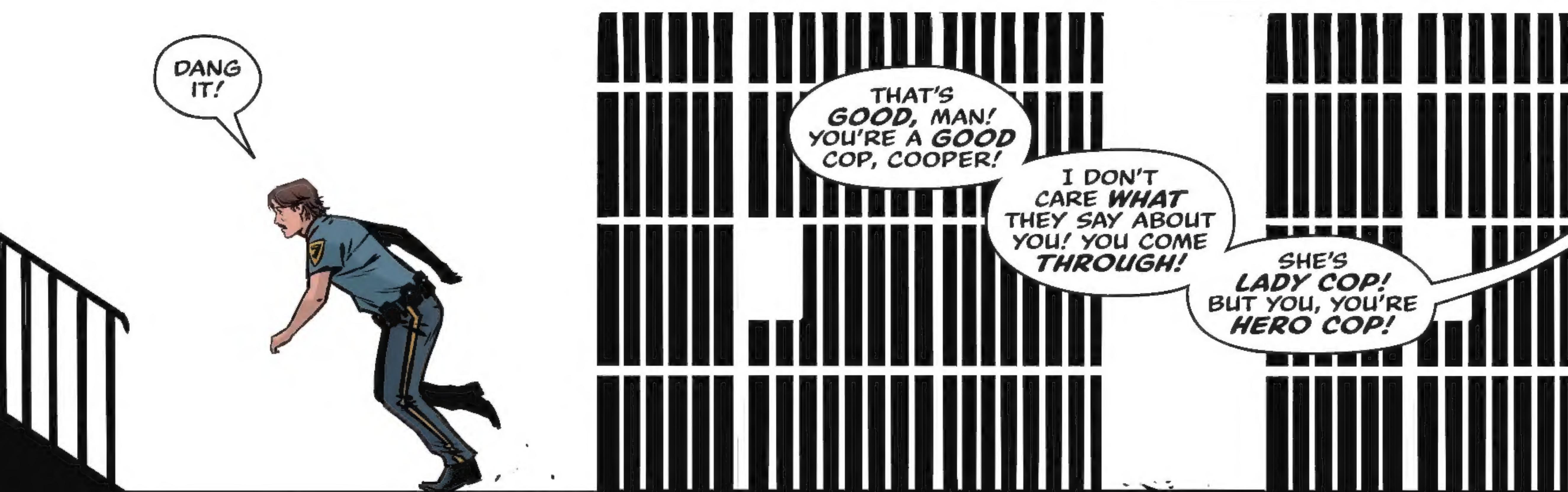


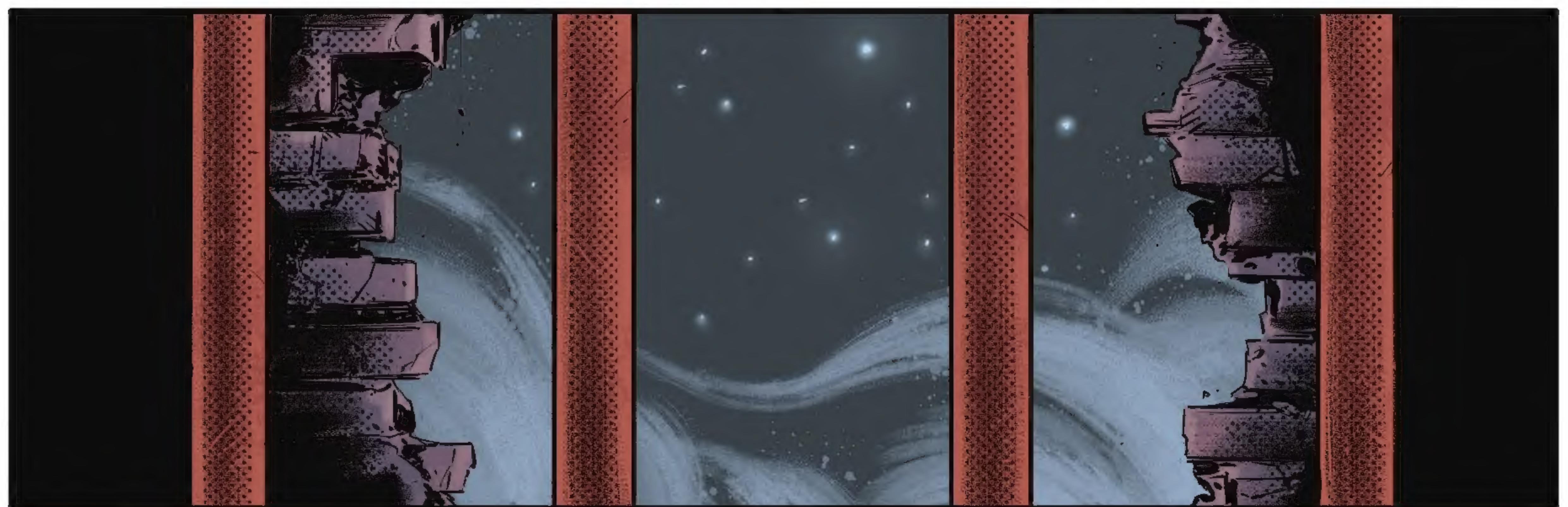
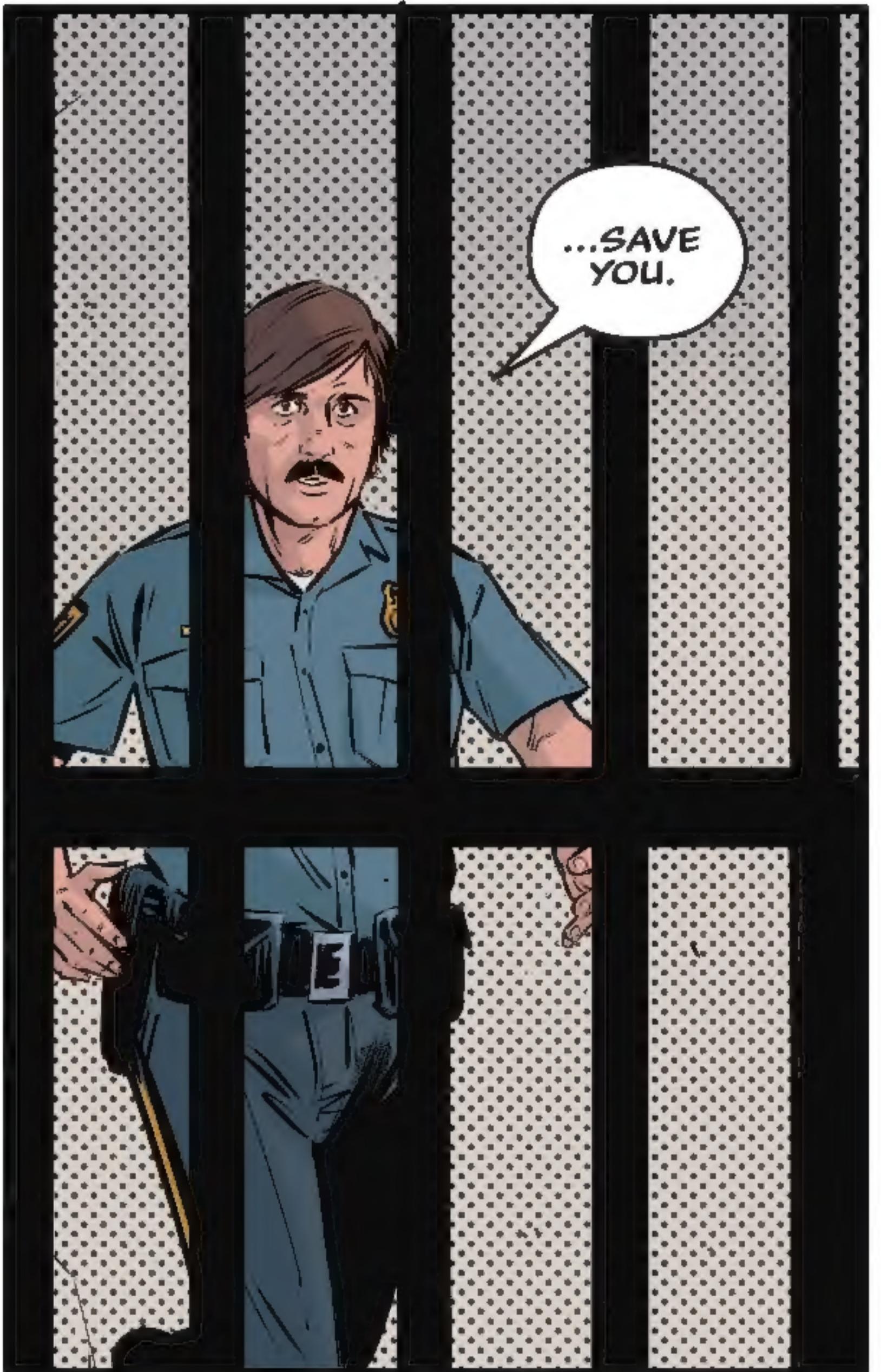
BANANAS, IT'S TEN O'CLOCK
P.M. ON THE DOT.

THAT'S WHEN
I GET TO EAT THE
FIRST HALF OF MY
SANDWICH.

I JUST
CHECKED.
DON'T EVEN
NEED TO LOOK
AT MY
WATCH.







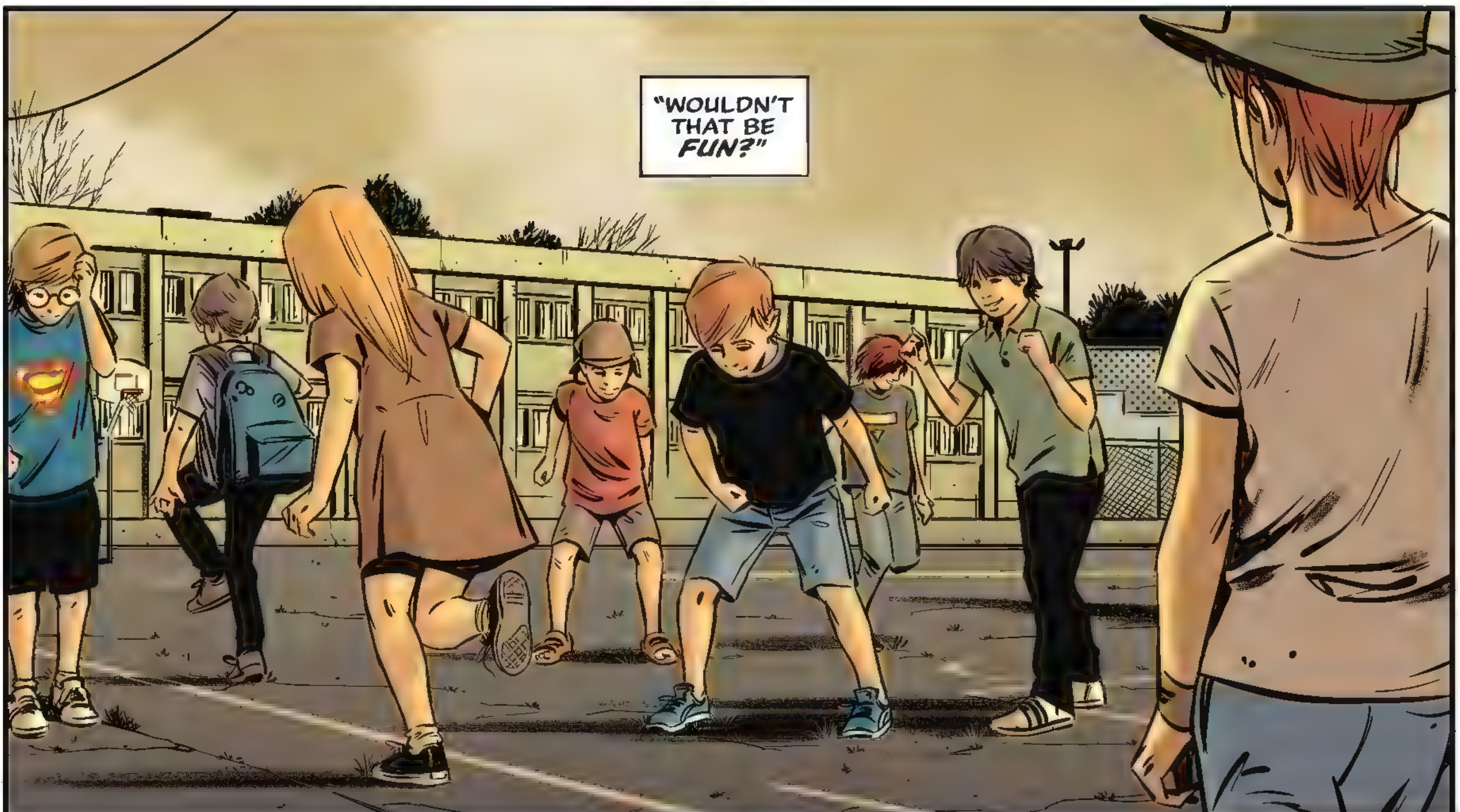
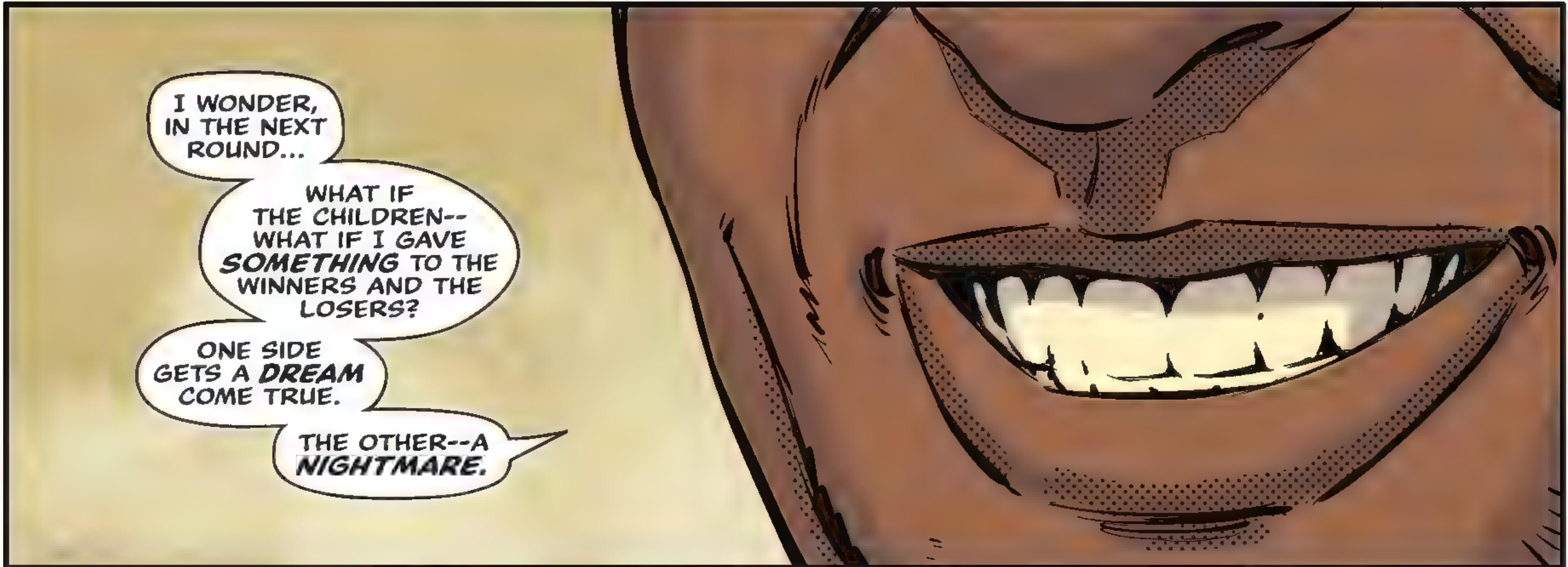
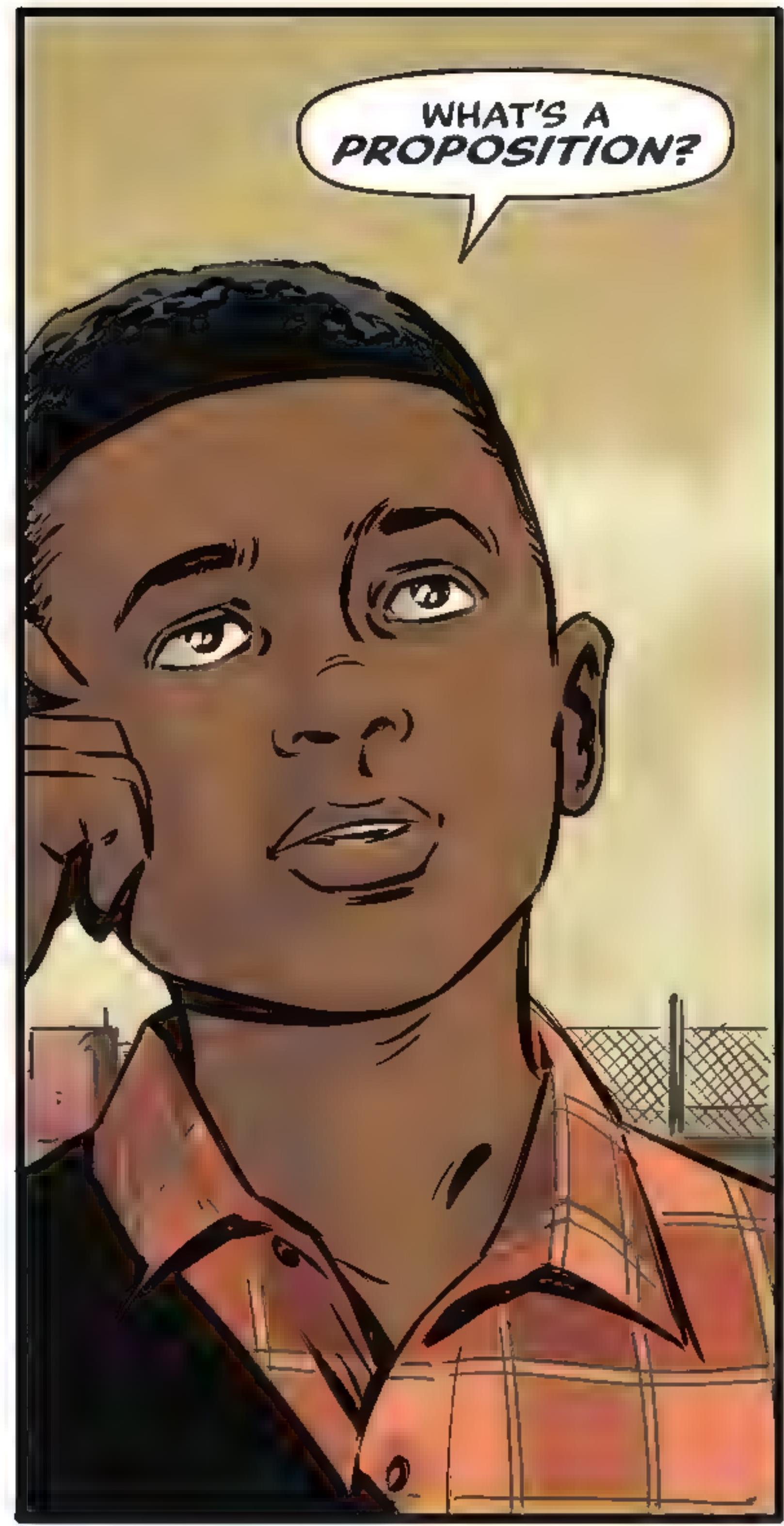
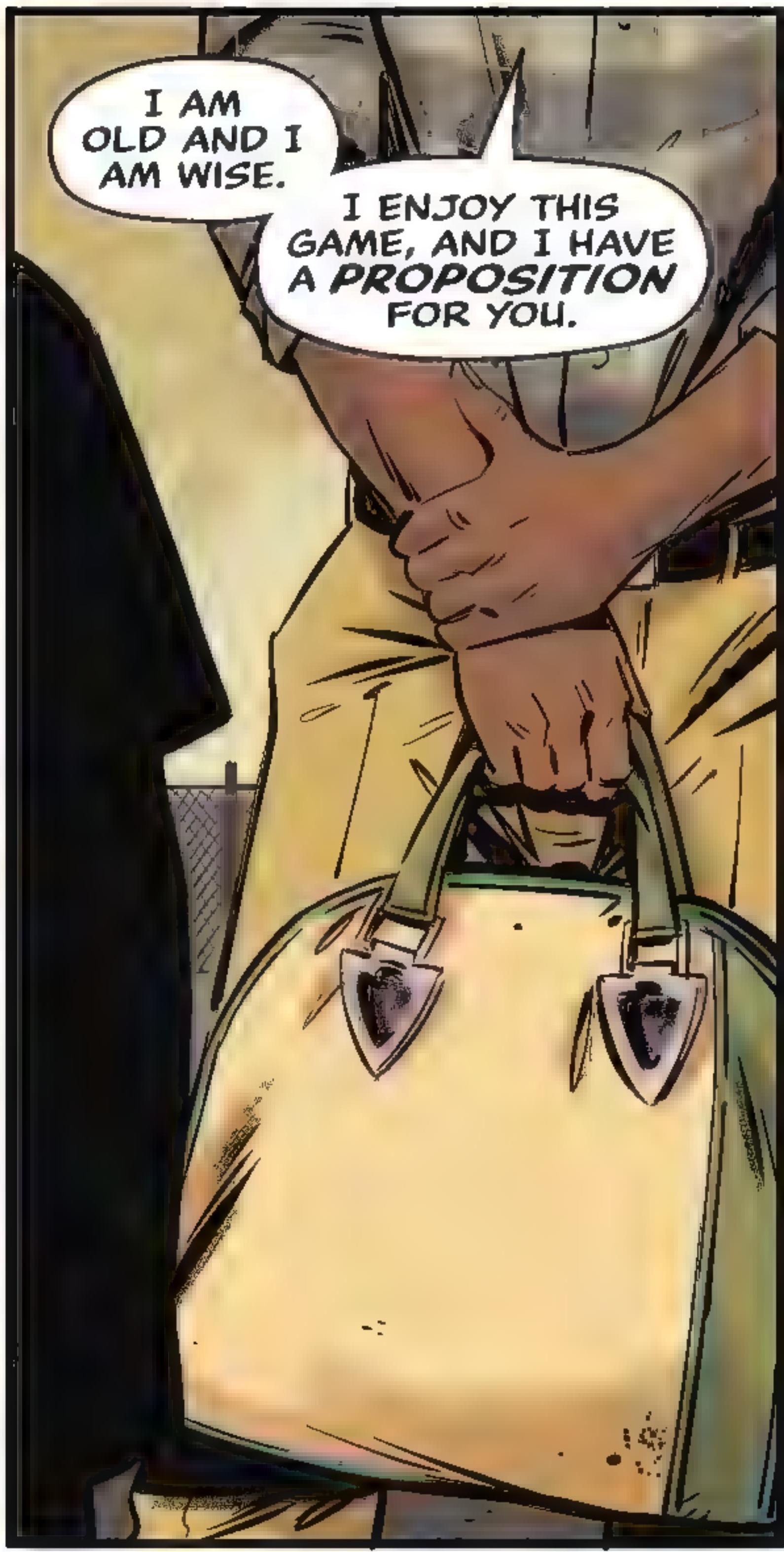


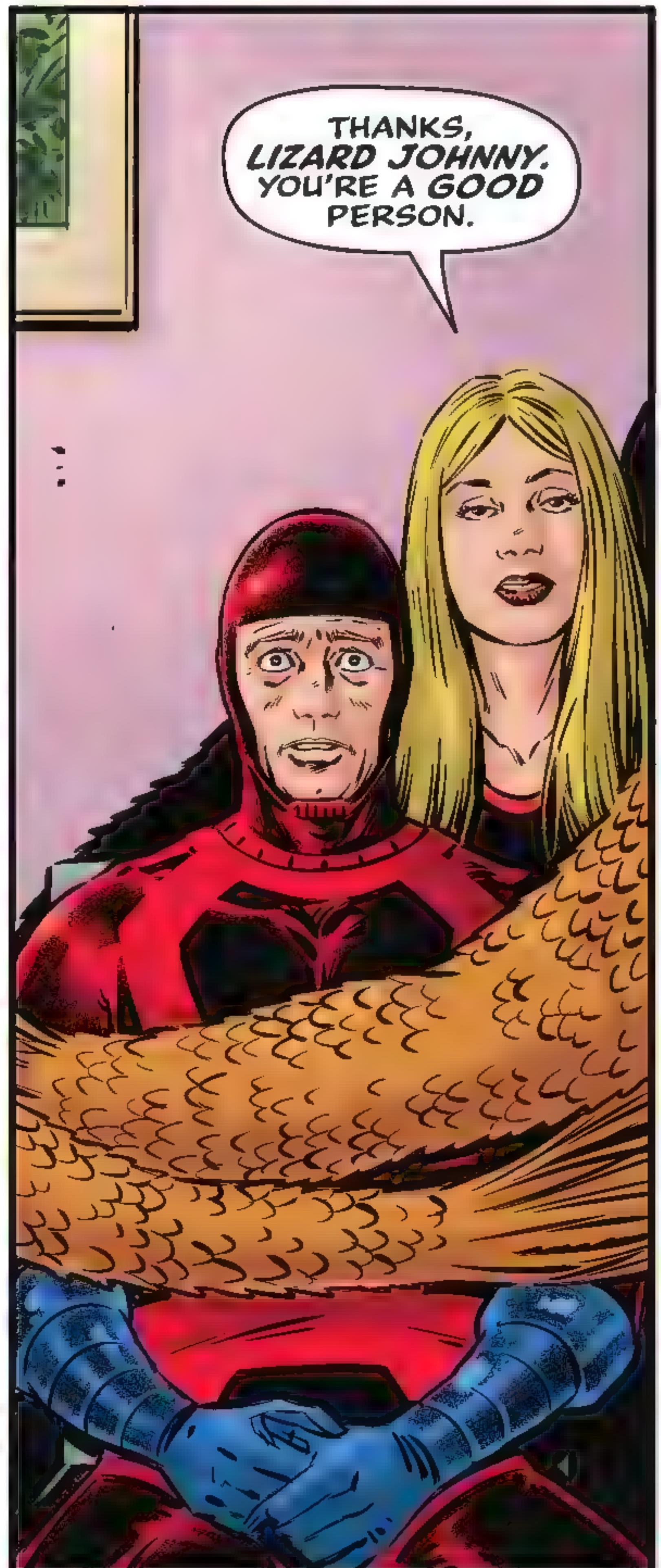
AS THE LADS MADE THEIR DARING EXIT,
ACROSS AN OCEAN, A MONSTER BEGAN
A CURIOUS AND EXOTIC STORY.

SO THERE'S
THIS GAME WE USED
TO PLAY.

ON THE
BLACKTOP AT
SCHOOL.







FAR AWAY FROM THESE ODD HAPPENINGS,
IN A CAVE IN THE SKY, A MONSTER
PREPARED A DRINK.

ABDUL
SURFACED IN
HAWAII, AT A
RESORT.

SCAMP!

HE HID
FOR A MONTH?!
DIDN'T KNOW LITTLE
ABDUL HAD IT
IN HIM.

OR MAYBE
YOUR MANHUNTER
ISN'T THE GREAT BIG
BAD WOLF YOU MAKE HIM
OUT TO BE. I SUPPOSE
THAT'S ALWAYS A
POSSIBILITY.

TWO HOURS
AFTER HE CHECKED
IN UNDER THE NAME
J. SIMON, HE'D
GONE MISSING.

HE WAS
LAST SEEN
AT THE BEACH.
GETTING A
SUNTAN.

MAYBE HE
JUST WENT
UNDERGROUND
AGAIN. CAUGHT
YOU LOOKING
AT HIM.

THERE WERE
FOOTPRINTS IN
THE SAND. I HAD
PICTURES OF
THEM SENT
TO ME.

ONE SET
OF TRACKS
SHOWS ABDUL
RUNNING.

THE
OTHER SET,
WHICH IS WALKING
AFTER ABDUL,
MATCHES THE
MANHUNTER.

JESUS
#%\$#@
CHRIST! IT'S
#%\$#@
BROKEN!

BOTH
SETS OF
TRACKS WENT
INTO THE WATER.
THE BODY HAS
NOT BEEN
FOUND.

FRUSTRATED BY HIS LACK OF SUCCESS, THE MONSTER CALLED FOR THE AID OF HIS TRUSTED AND MOST ABLE KNIGHT.

YO,
CODENAME:
ASSASSIN.

GET THIS OPEN.

WITH
ABDUL
FINALLY OFF THE FIELD, I EXPECT YOU WILL BE NEXT.

OH NO.
I'M SO SCARED.
AAAAAH.

THE MANHUNTER
WILL NOT ATTEMPT
IT SUBTLY.

HE KNOWS
THE OBSTACLE,
AND HE WILL COME
TO IT WITH THE
PREPARATION TO
OVERCOME IT.

I WILL
MEET HIM AT
THE GATES.

AND
IT WILL BE
DECIDED.

THANKS FOR
THE UPDATE. TRY
NOT TO LOSE.

ANYTHING
ELSE?



AS THE KNIGHT CONSIDERED HIS FATE,
TWO PRINCES EMBRACED IN THE DARK.

YOU THINK
WE GOT TIME FOR
A HIGH SCHOOL
REUNION?!

HURRY
THE O\$%\$ UP!

A CARRIAGE AWAITED THEM,
PREPARED TO DASH THE TWO
NOBLES TO SANCTUARY.

THANK
YOU.

SORRY IT
TOOK SO LONG.
I WOULD'VE...
W...

FOR THE LOCAL CONSTABLE WAS
AT THAT VERY MOMENT GATHERING
HIS WITS AND READYING HIMSELF
TO PURSUE THE WAYWARD PAIR AND
ONCE AGAIN SNATCH AWAY THEIR
FREEDOM.

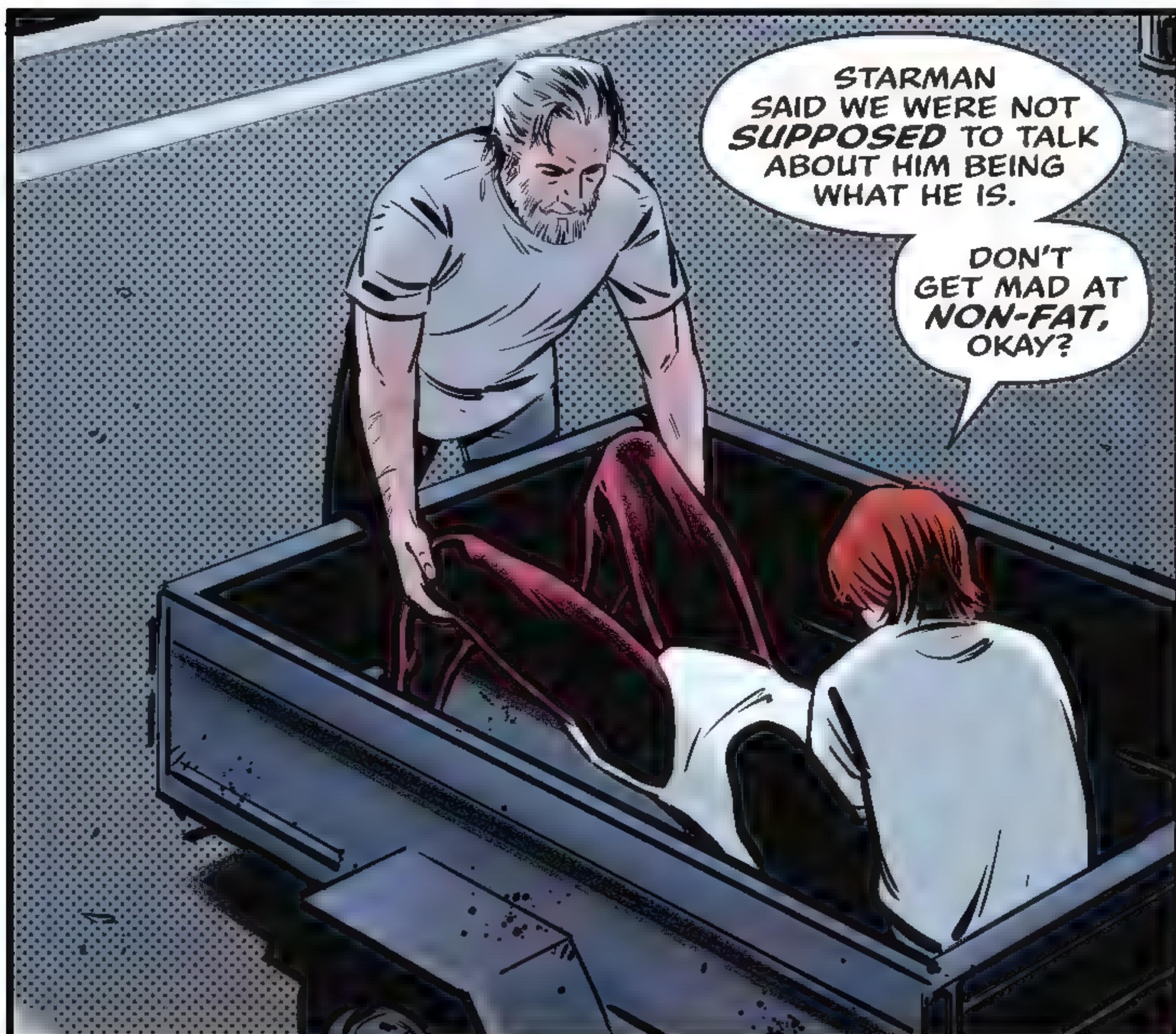
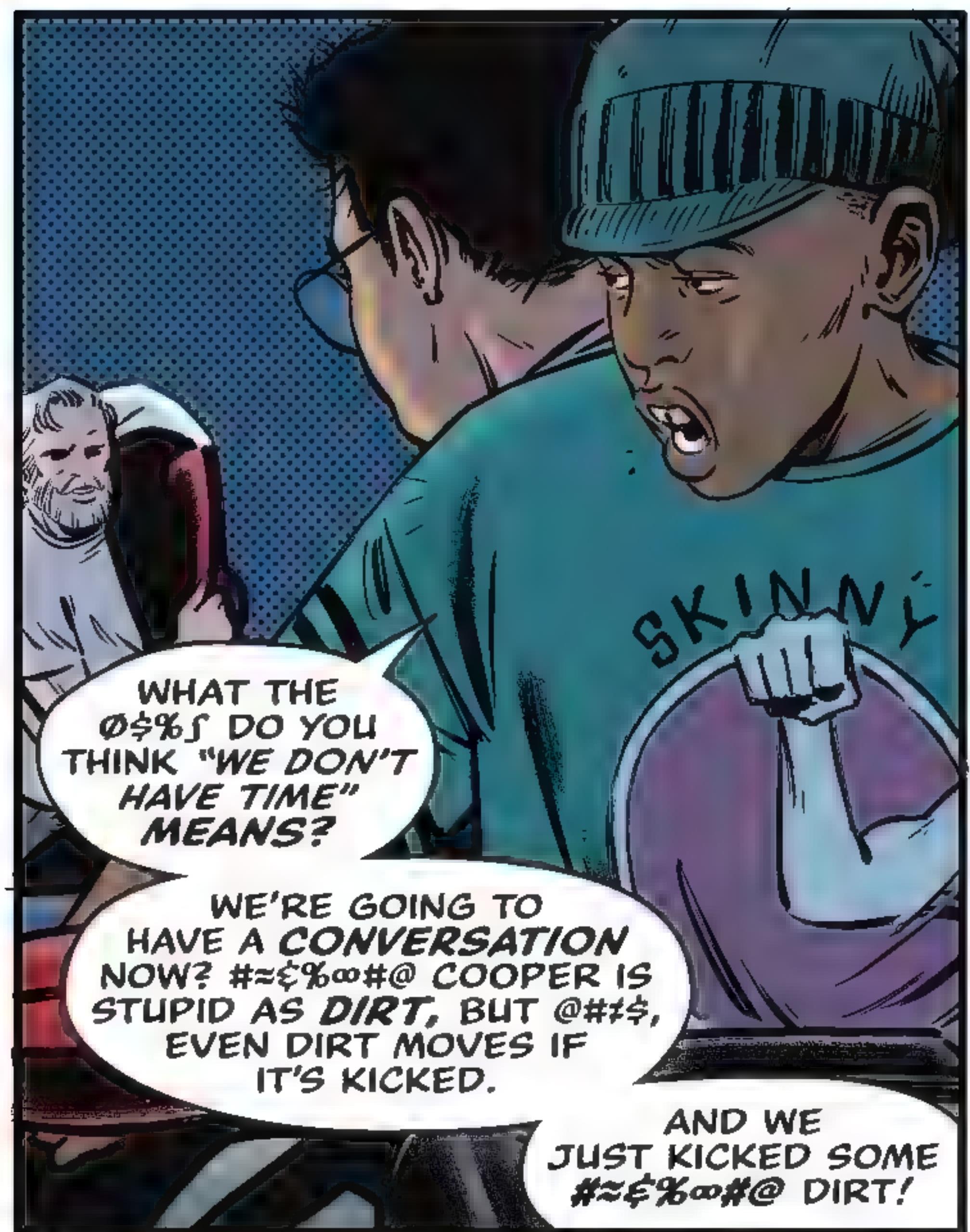
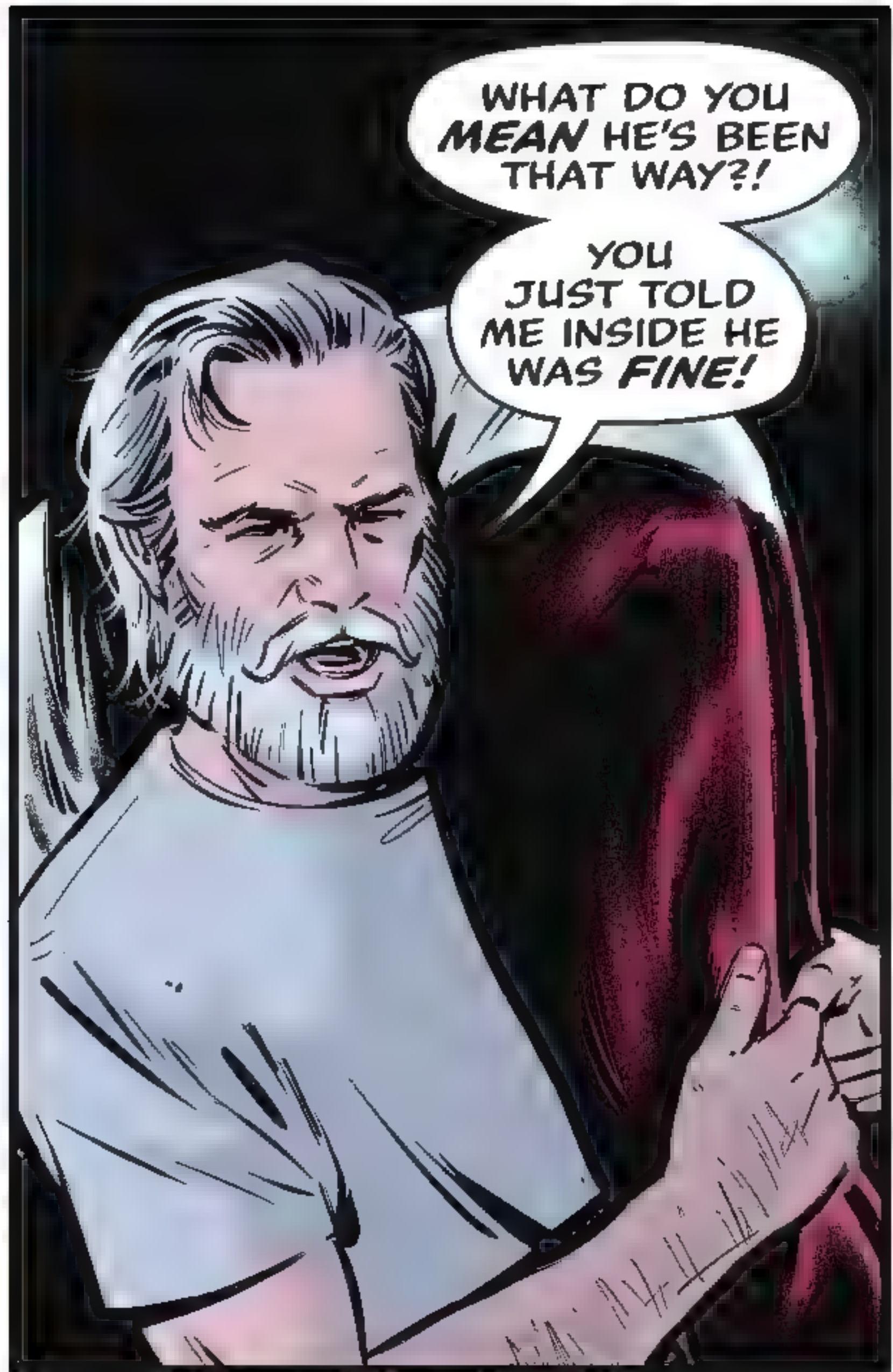
I...
STAR!

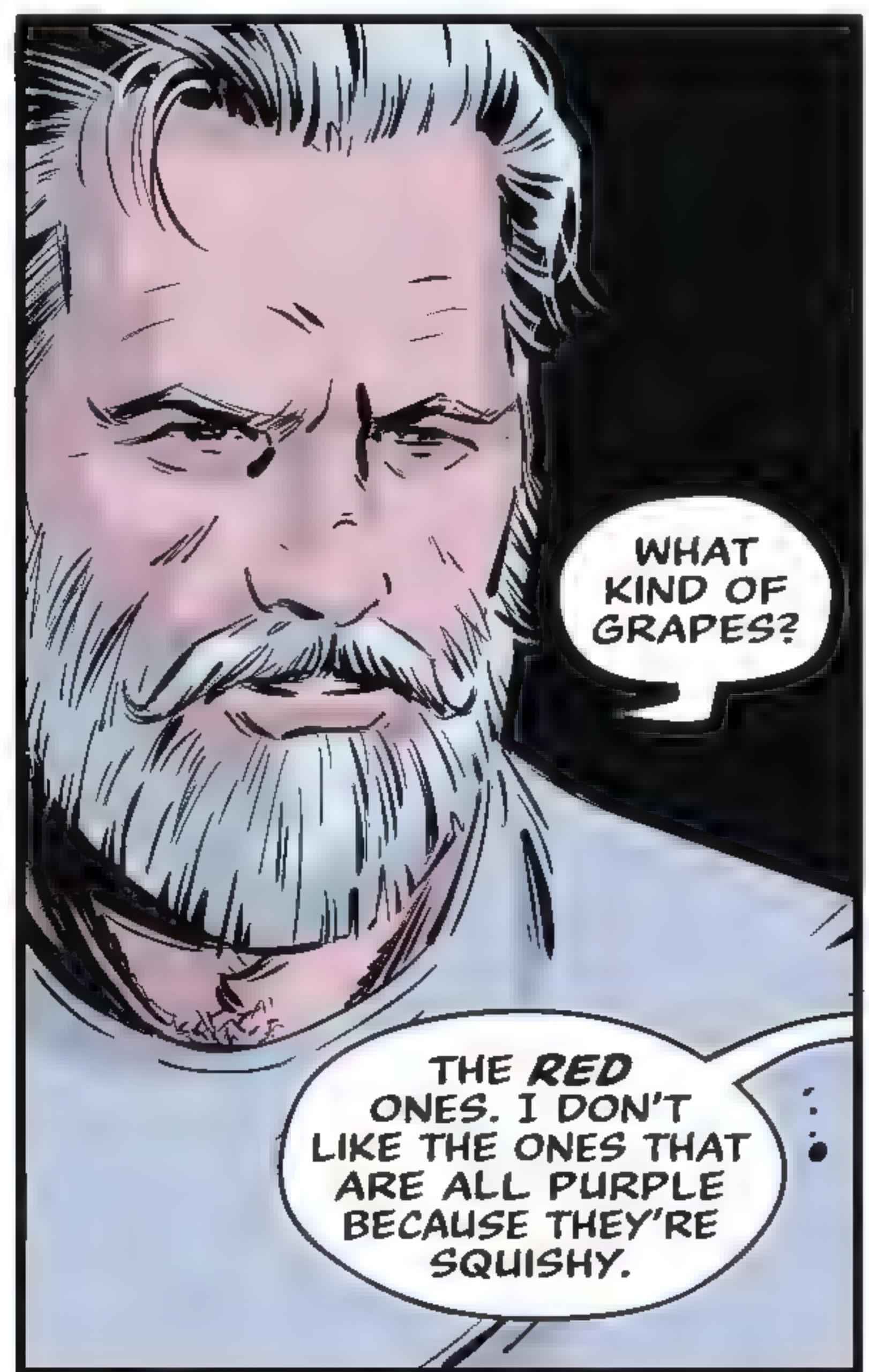
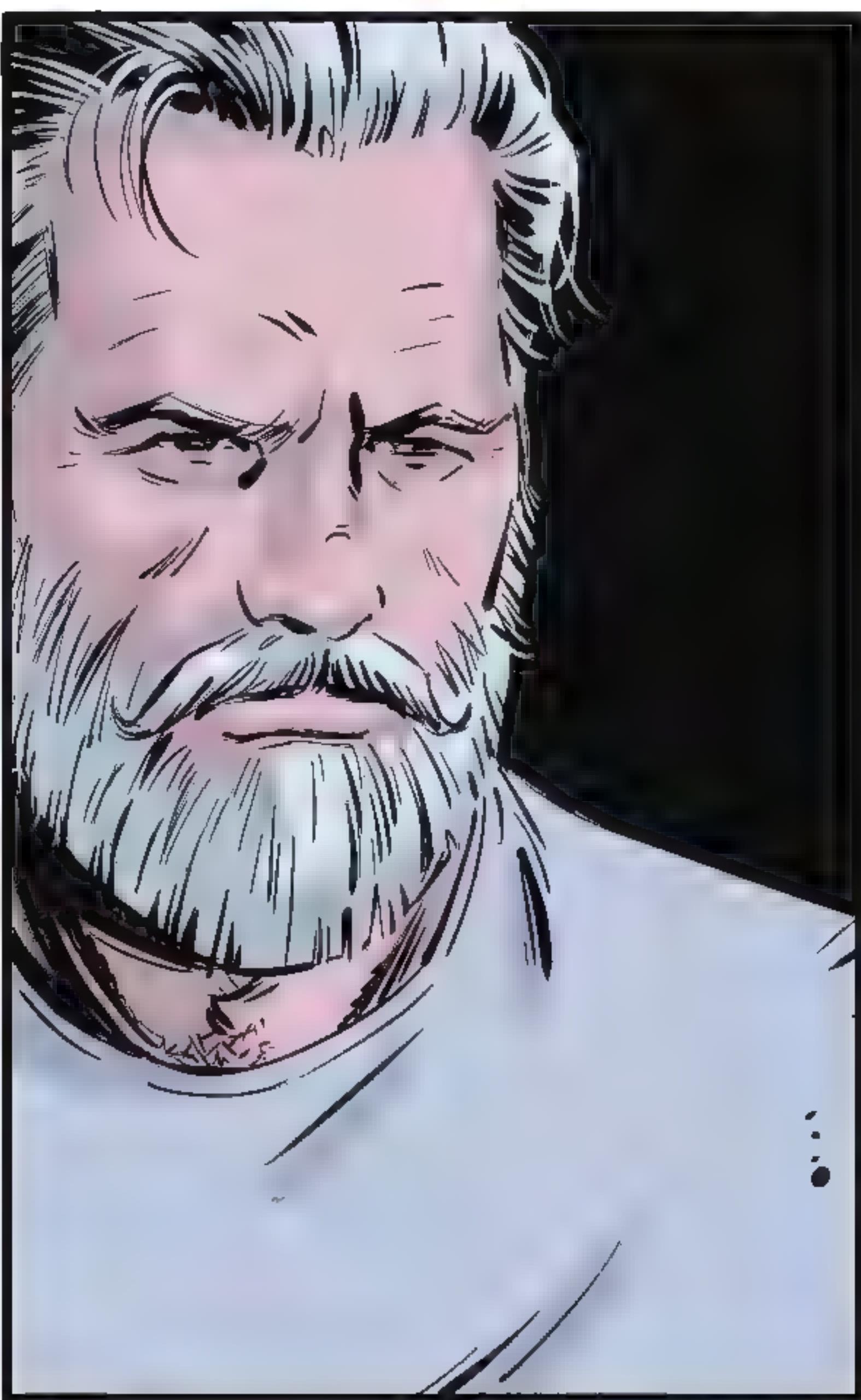
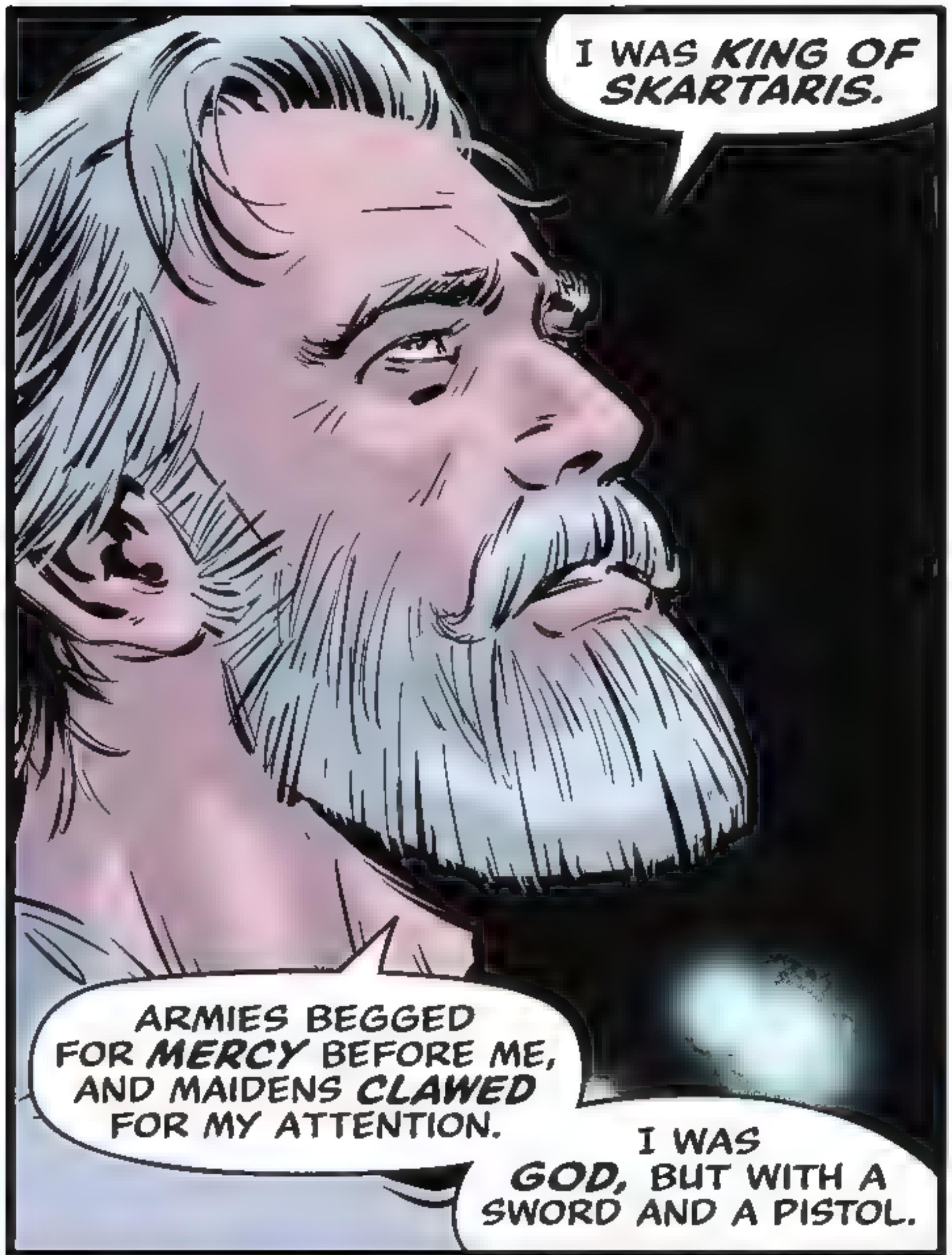
DESPITE THAT THREAT,
THE JUST-FREED PRINCE
HESITATED TO FLEE.

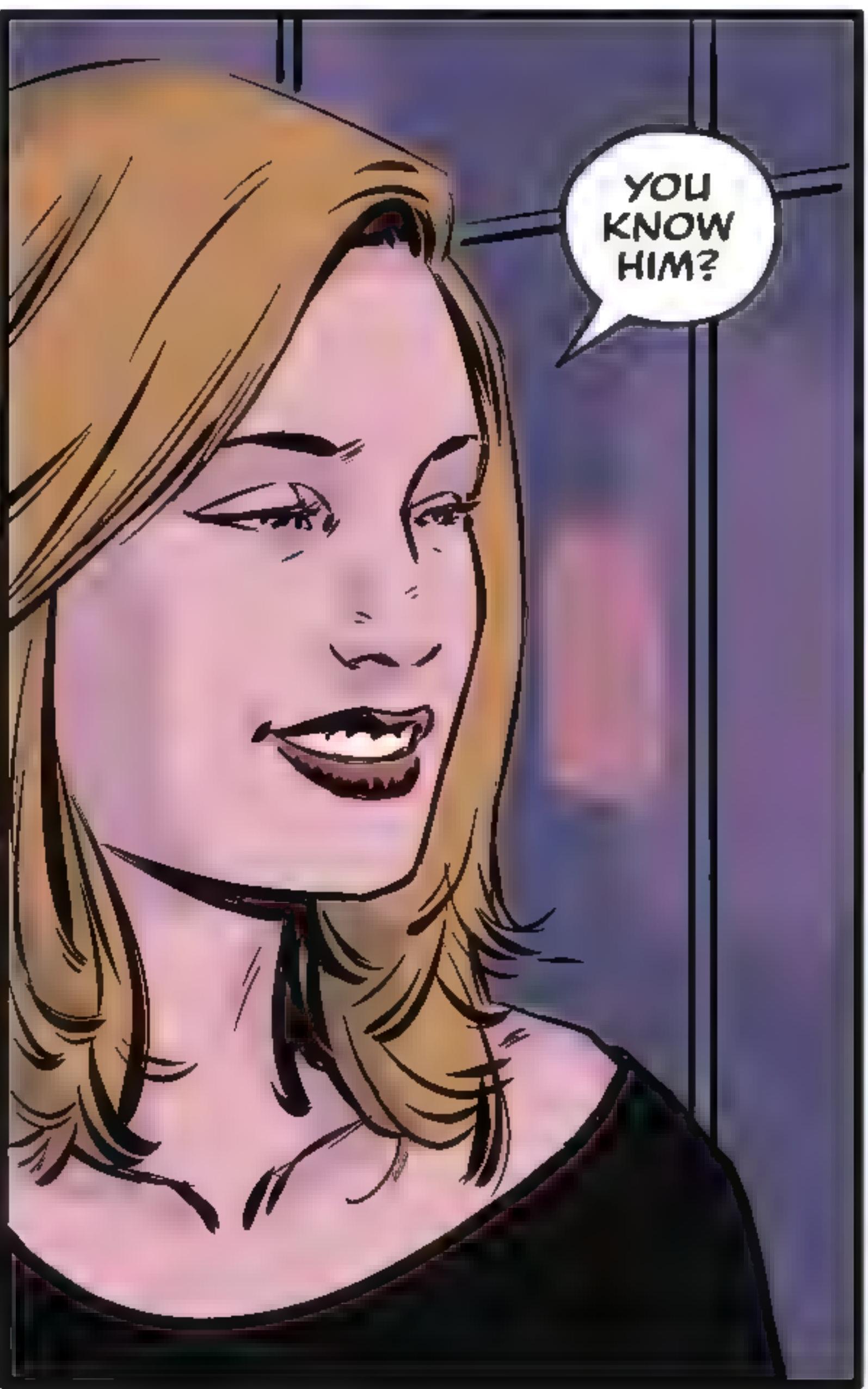
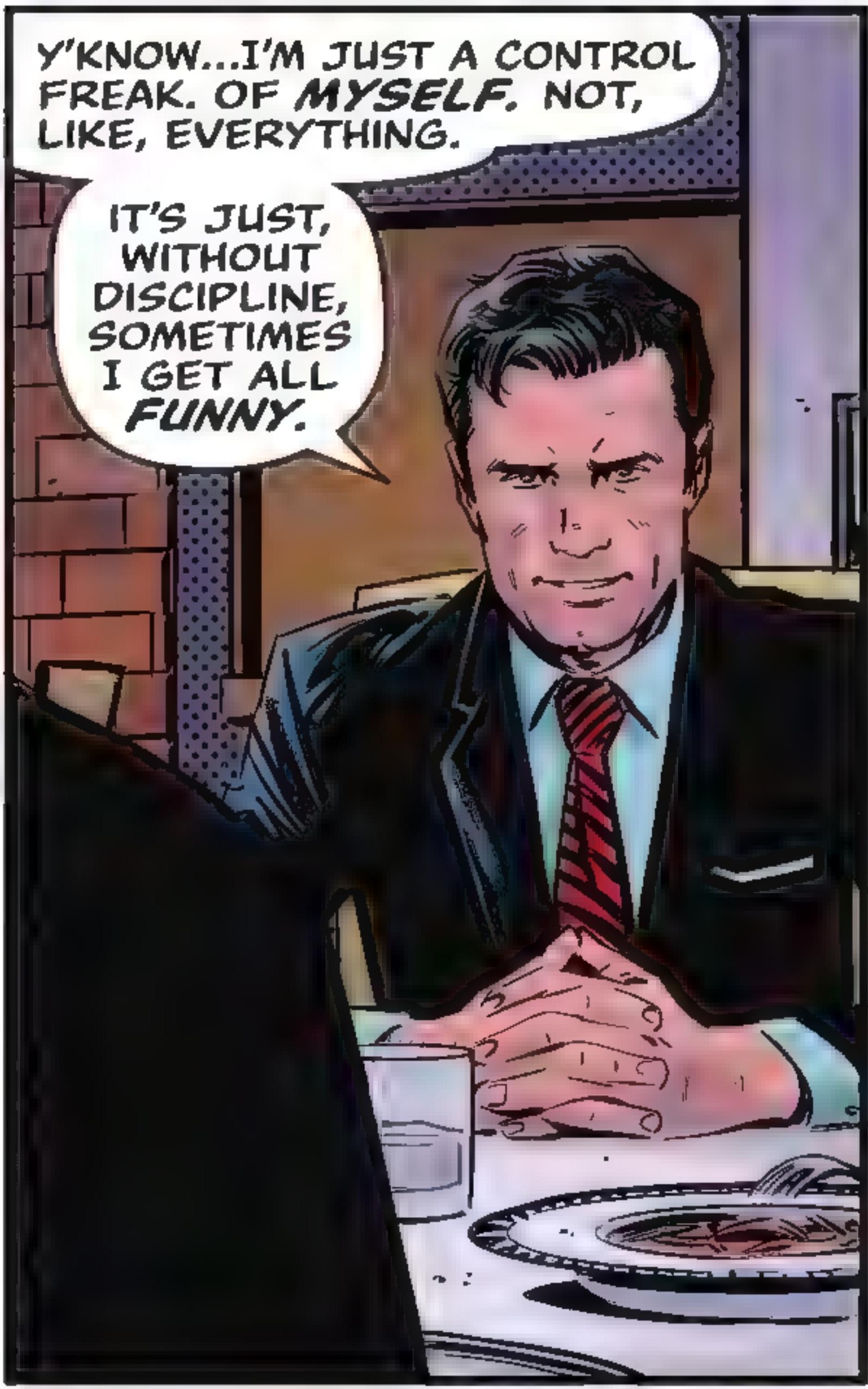
WHAT
IS...ARE
YOU...
STAR?

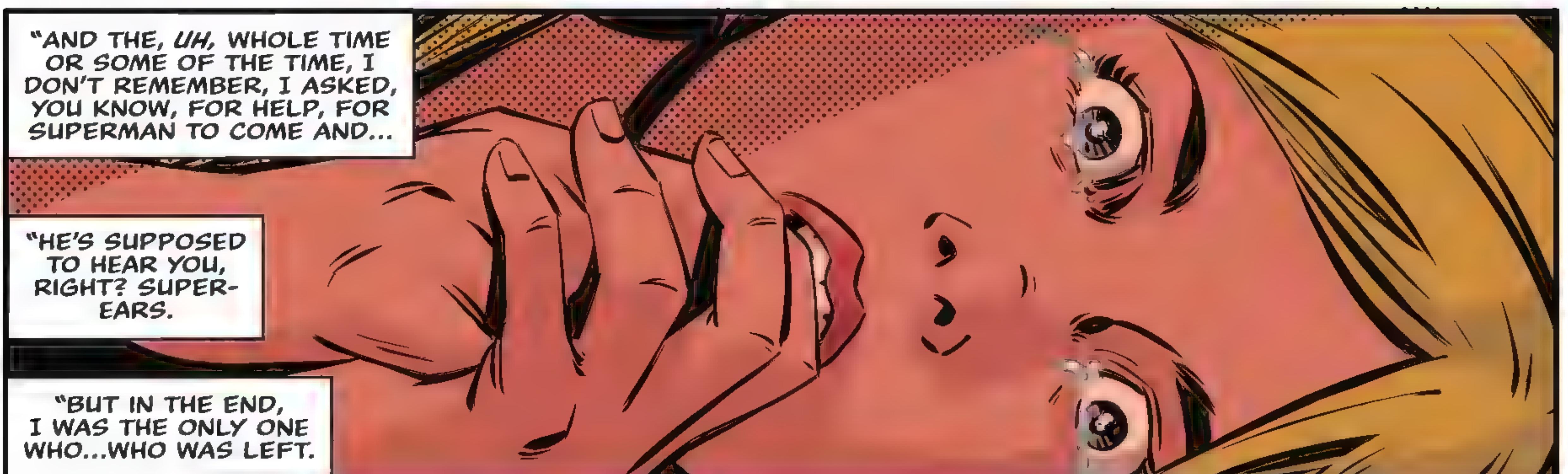
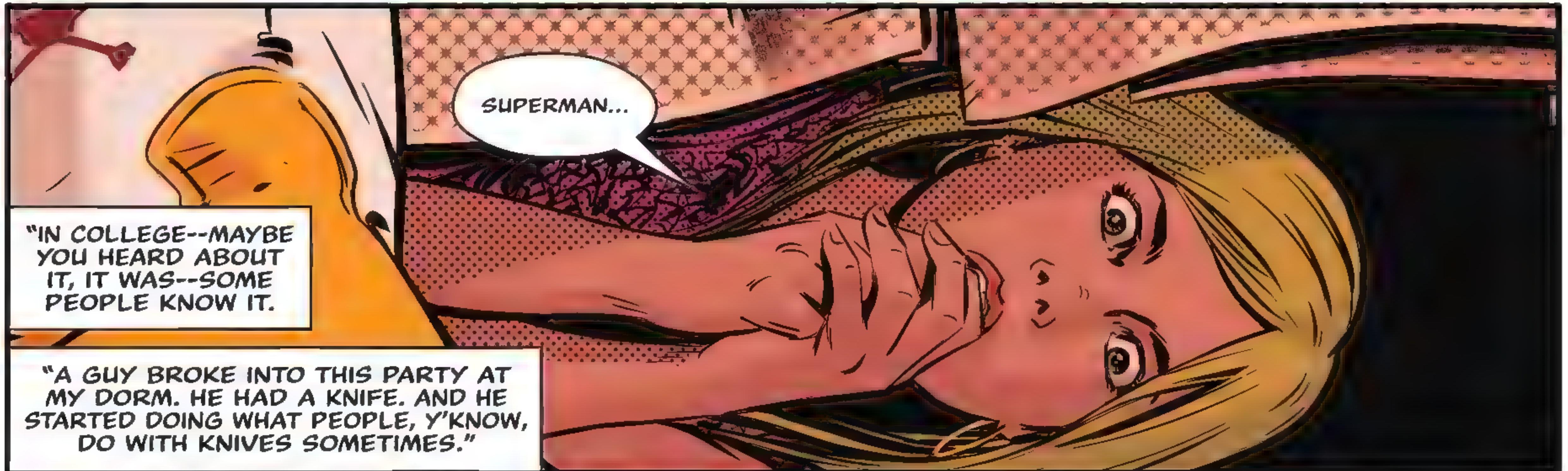
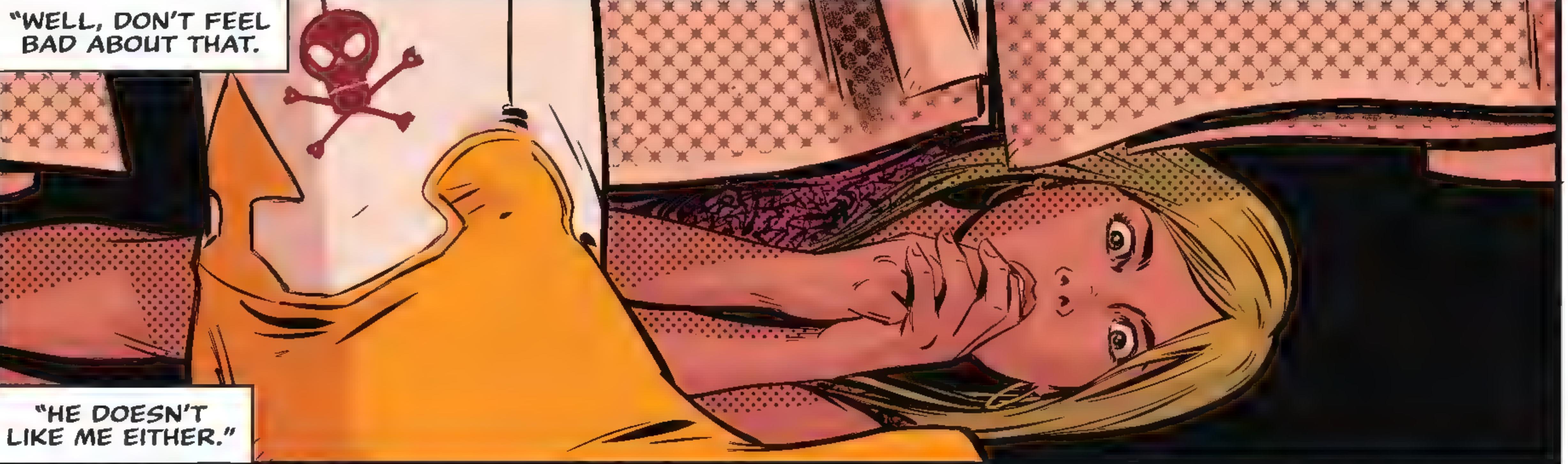
FOR THE POOR HEALTH OF HIS DEAR
COMRADE LEFT HIM IN A STATE OF
PARALYZED DISQUIET.

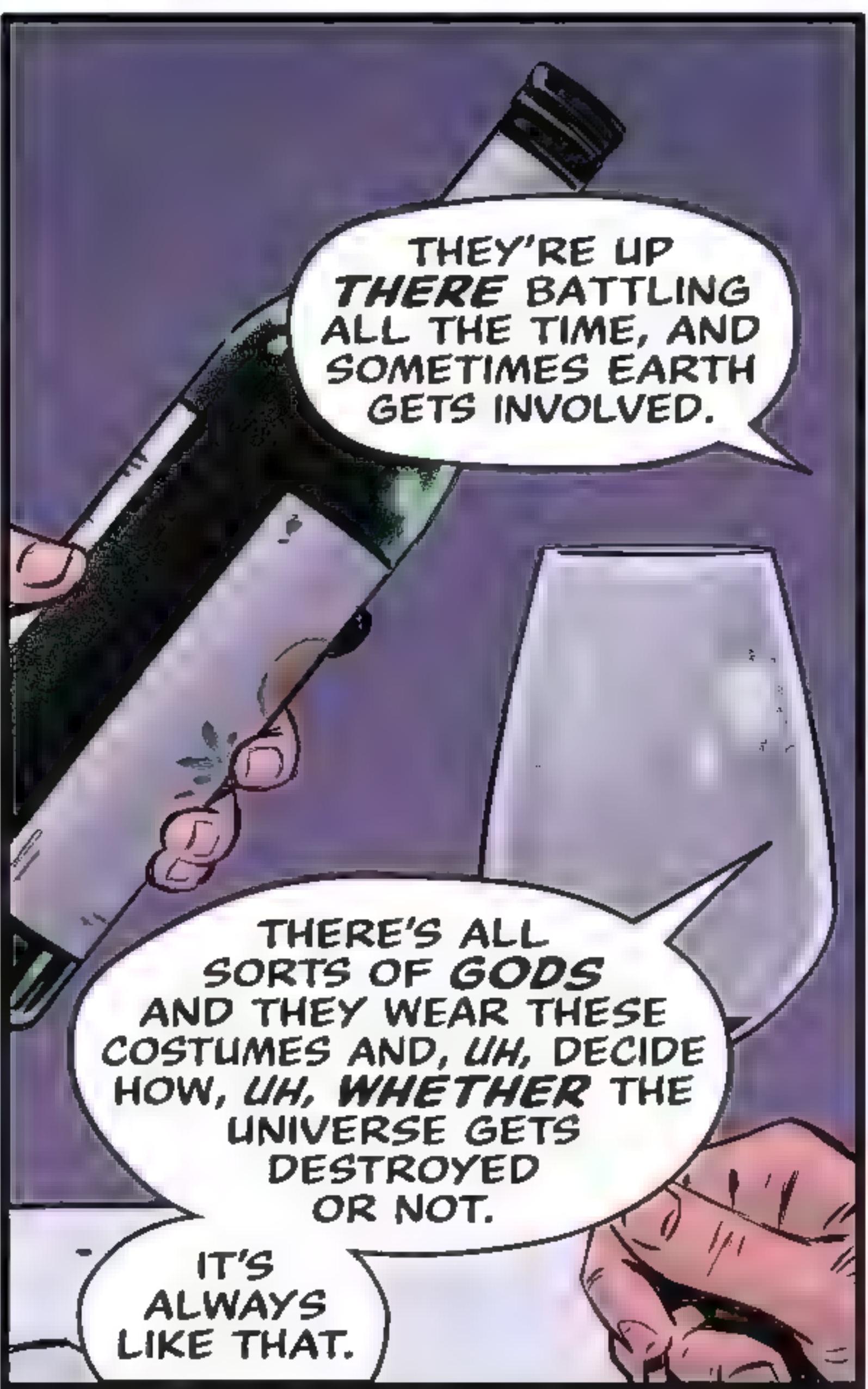
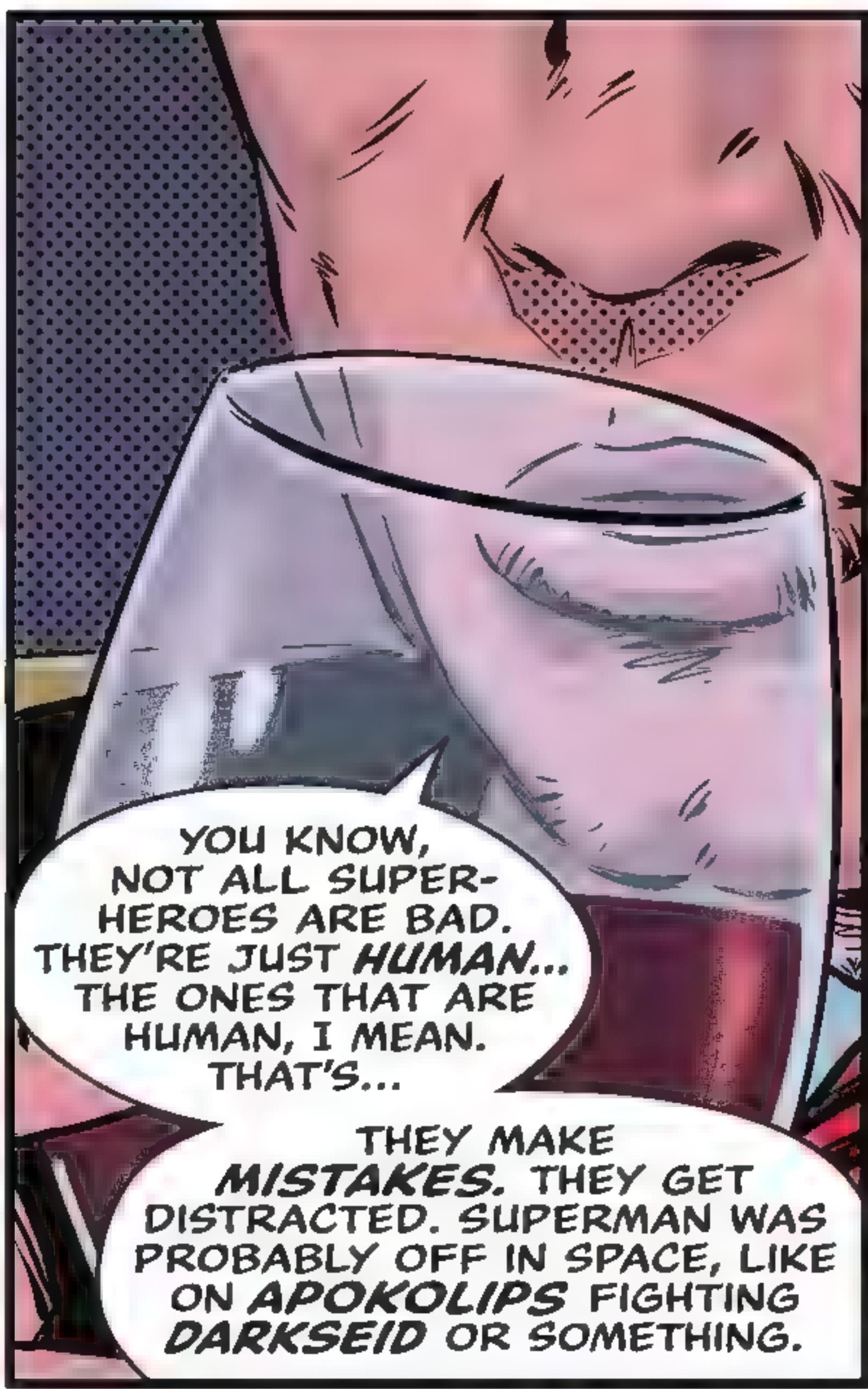
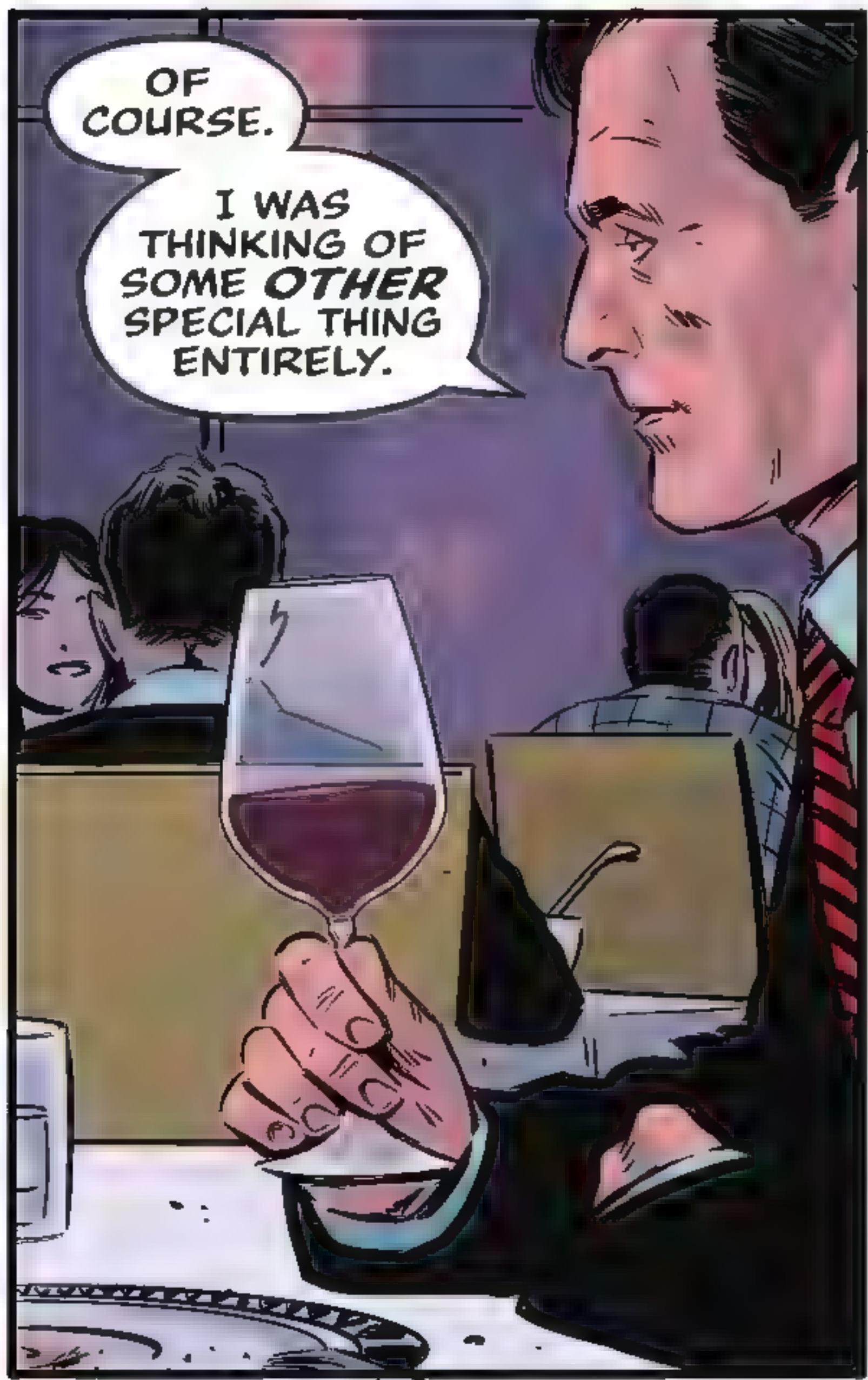
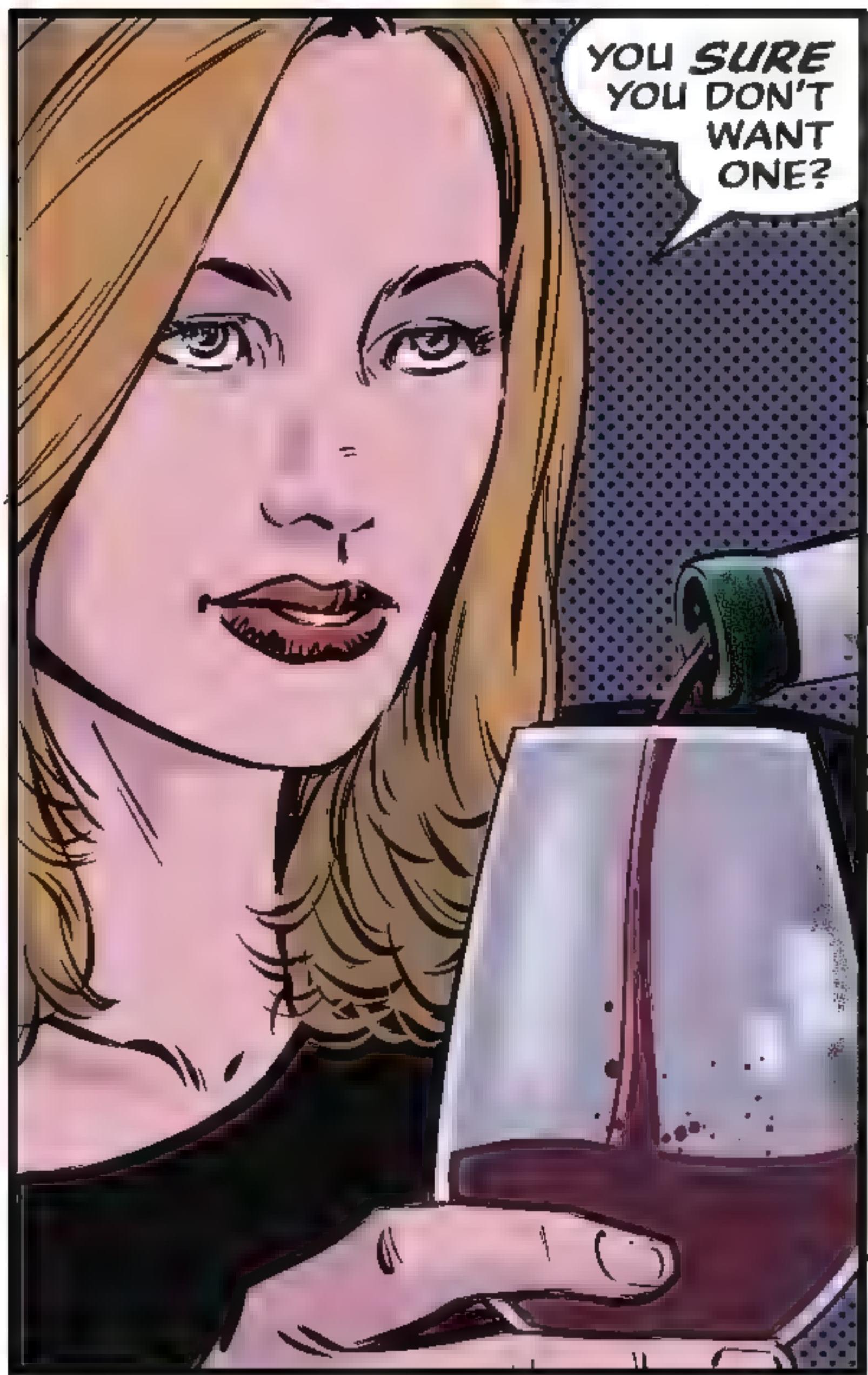
WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
HIM?!











DEEP IN THE PAST,
A LABYRINTH SAT
IN A FIELD.

NO ONE KNEW WHY IT
WAS THERE OR WHO
BUILT IT.

SOME SAID IT WAS GODS--
THAT THEY ENJOYED
WATCHING THE FOLLY OF
THOSE WHO ATTEMPTED
ITS CHALLENGES.

SOME SAID IT WAS THE FIRST
TRIBES, SHOWING THE GODS
THAT THEY COULD BEAR SUCH
CHALLENGES AND EMERGE
TRIUMPHANT.

SOME JUST SAID THAT IT HAD
ALWAYS BEEN THERE AND
ALWAYS WOULD BE THERE.

THAT LIFE ITSELF CAME WITH
THE MAZE, FOR LIFE ITSELF
WAS THE MAZE. AND WHO
WERE WE TO QUESTION
THAT ETERNAL TRUTH?



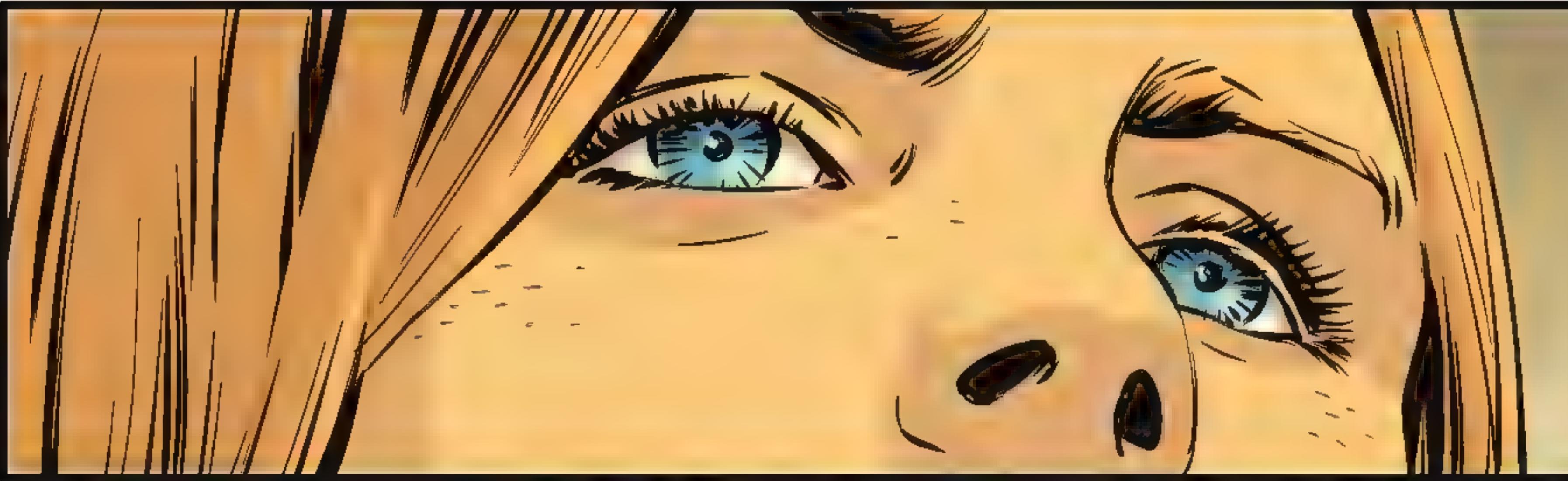
YOU GOT
IT, MARY!

SHE'S A
GIRL! SHE CAN'T
DO IT!

IT'S RIGHT
ON YOUR LEFT!
YOU GOT TO
JUMP!

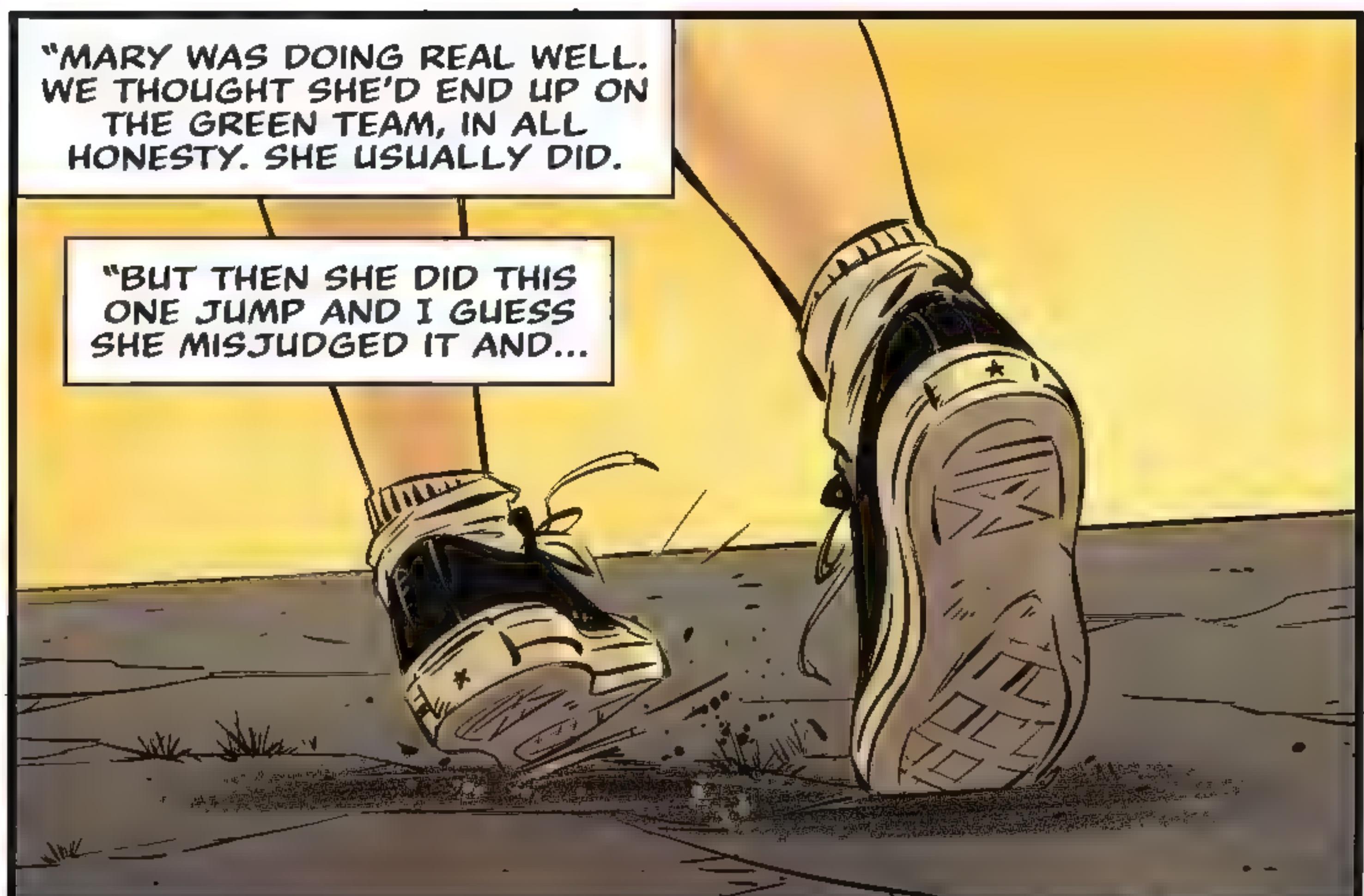
SHE'S
LOSING
IT!

GO,
MARY!
GO!



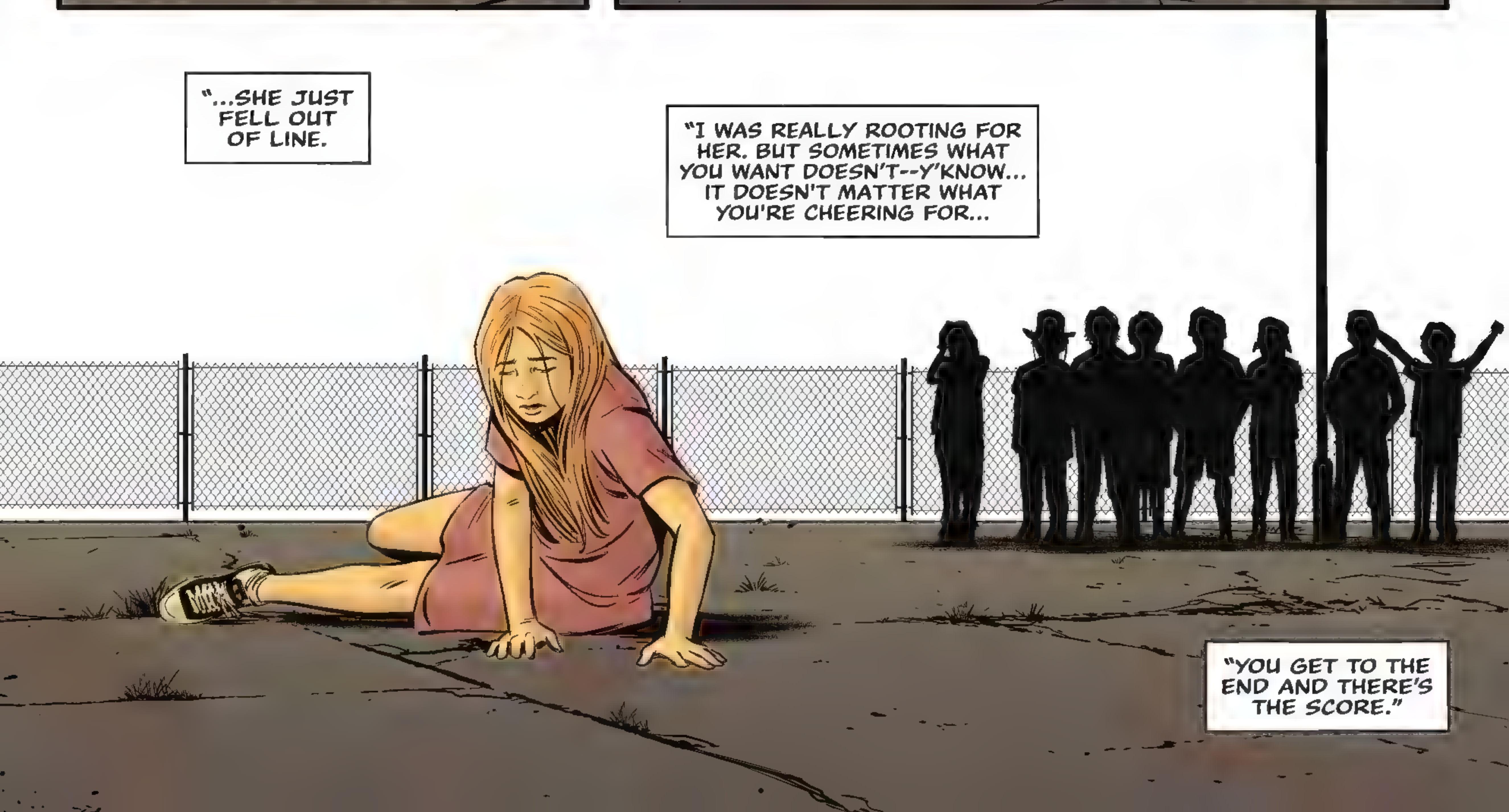
"THE BOYS PUSHED TO THE FRONT. SOME MADE IT AND SOME DIDN'T MAKE IT."

"IT MEANT THAT MARY HAD TO GO LAST."



"...SHE JUST FELL OUT OF LINE."

"I WAS REALLY ROOTING FOR HER. BUT SOMETIMES WHAT YOU WANT DOESN'T--Y'KNOW... IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU'RE CHEERING FOR..."



"WE STOOD AT THE SIDELINES. WE USED TO BE ONE GROUP OF FRIENDS. REALLY CLOSE."

"AND AT LEAST FOR ME, I THOUGHT THAT WAS KIND OF FOREVER."

YOU, ALL OF YOU, PERFORMED SO WELL AND SHOULD BE EXTREMELY PROUD.

YOU PLAYED MAGNIFICENTLY.

"THE GREEN TEAM. THE OUTSIDERS. THAT WAS JUST UNTIL THE NEXT TIME WE GOT OUT THERE."

THE GREEN TEAM PLAYED GOOD! THE OUTSIDERS DIDN'T!

WHAT DO WE GET?!

IT'S JUST RANDOM! ANY OF YOU COULD'VE TRIPPED TOO!

DON'T THINK YOU'RE SPECIAL!

CHILDREN, THERE'S NO NEED TO FUSS.

YOU HAVE MADE YOUR EFFORT. YOU HAVE BEEN JUDGED.

LET US NOW SORT OUT YOUR REMUNERATION.

BACK IN THE TAVERN, THE PRINCESS HELD HER PEACE.

WHILE THE OGRE, DRUNK AND SPINNING, BARELY HELD HIS FOOD DOWN.

BUT...I THINK I ACCIDENTALLY INTERRUPTED YOU. I'M SO SORRY. WEREN'T YOU SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT THE COMMODORE?

YES! NO, YOU KNOW, I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING BEFORE, BECAUSE OF NDA STUFF, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN, UHM...

...THAN...YOU AND, UH, THE KIDS AND THE...WHAT YOU'RE SAYING HERE... WHERE, LIKE, YOU'RE ALL THE WAY HERE ABOUT A MURDER, Y'KNOW?

I SHOULD SAY WHAT I WAS... I NOTICED FROM YOUR STORY... THIS THING.

HM?

YOU SAID THAT YOU FOUND AT THE-- WHERE THE DIAMONDS WERE ON THE GROUND, UH, AFTER YOU WERE FINDING THE BODIES.

LIKE, YOU SAID IT WAS ALMOST LIKE A DIAMOND STATUE WAS BROKEN, RIGHT? WELL, THIS IS WHAT I WAS THINKING, OKAY...

...THE COMMODORE HAS THIS DIAMOND ARM. LIKE, FROM A STATUE. A DIAMOND STATUE, RIGHT? HE HAS IT THERE IN HIS OFFICE. YOU CAN TOUCH IT.

DOES HE?

AND...AND! I ASKED HIM ABOUT IT--I WAS CURIOUS--AND HE WAS LIKE, "IT WAS A TRADE. I TRADED FOR IT. SOMETHING VALUABLE."

AND THEN YOU HAVE THE-- YOU'VE GOT THE FATE HELMET WITH THE LETTERS ON IT THERE, AND I'M THINKING THAT MAYBE THAT WAS THE TRADE HE MADE.

THAT IS
INTERESTING.
THANK
YOU.



WELL,
IT'S NOTHING,
JUST--

@#%\$!



I
SPILLED
IT.

DON'T WORRY.
IT'S OKAY. IT'LL
COME OUT.



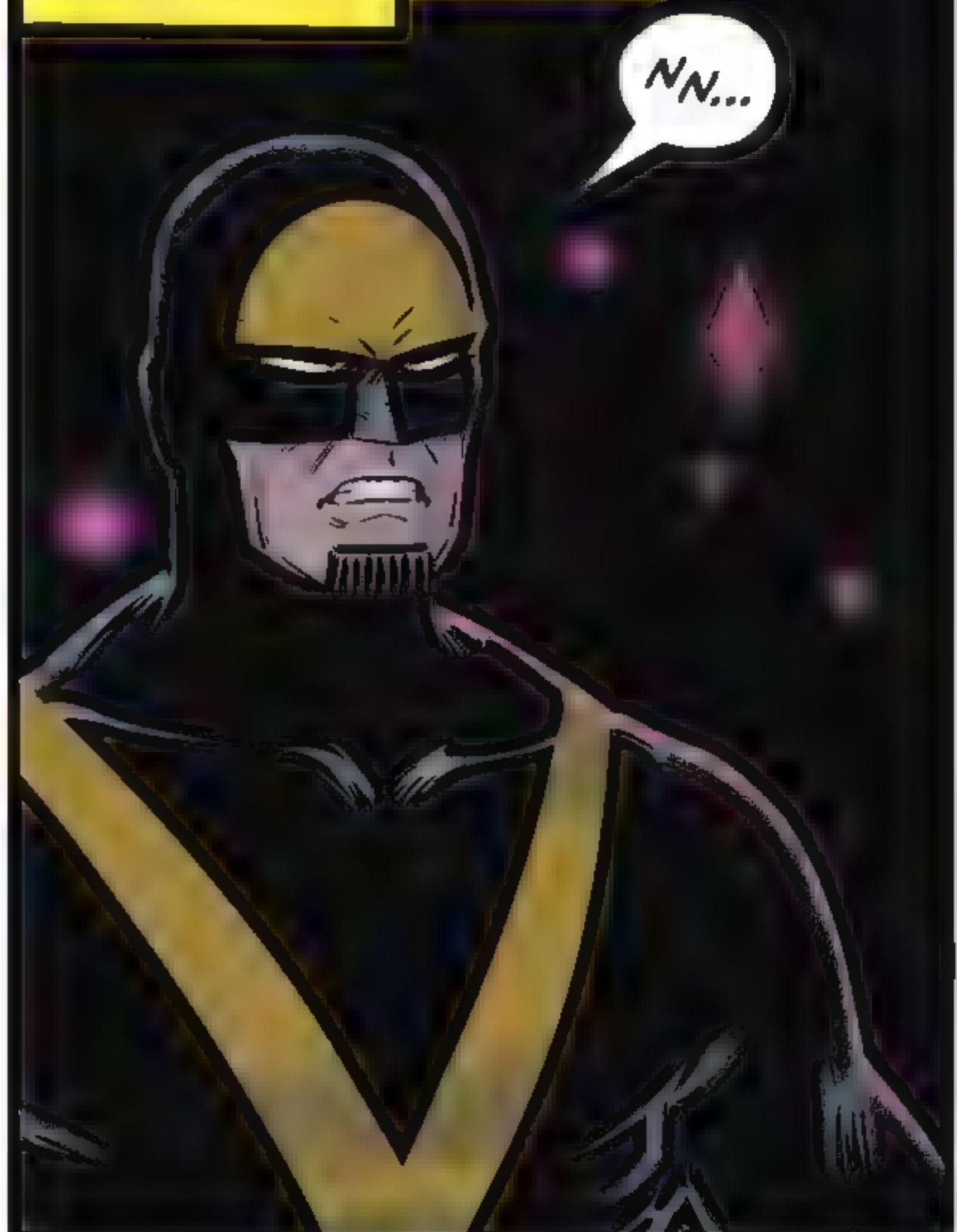
YOU
KNOW, I'M A
SUPERHERO.



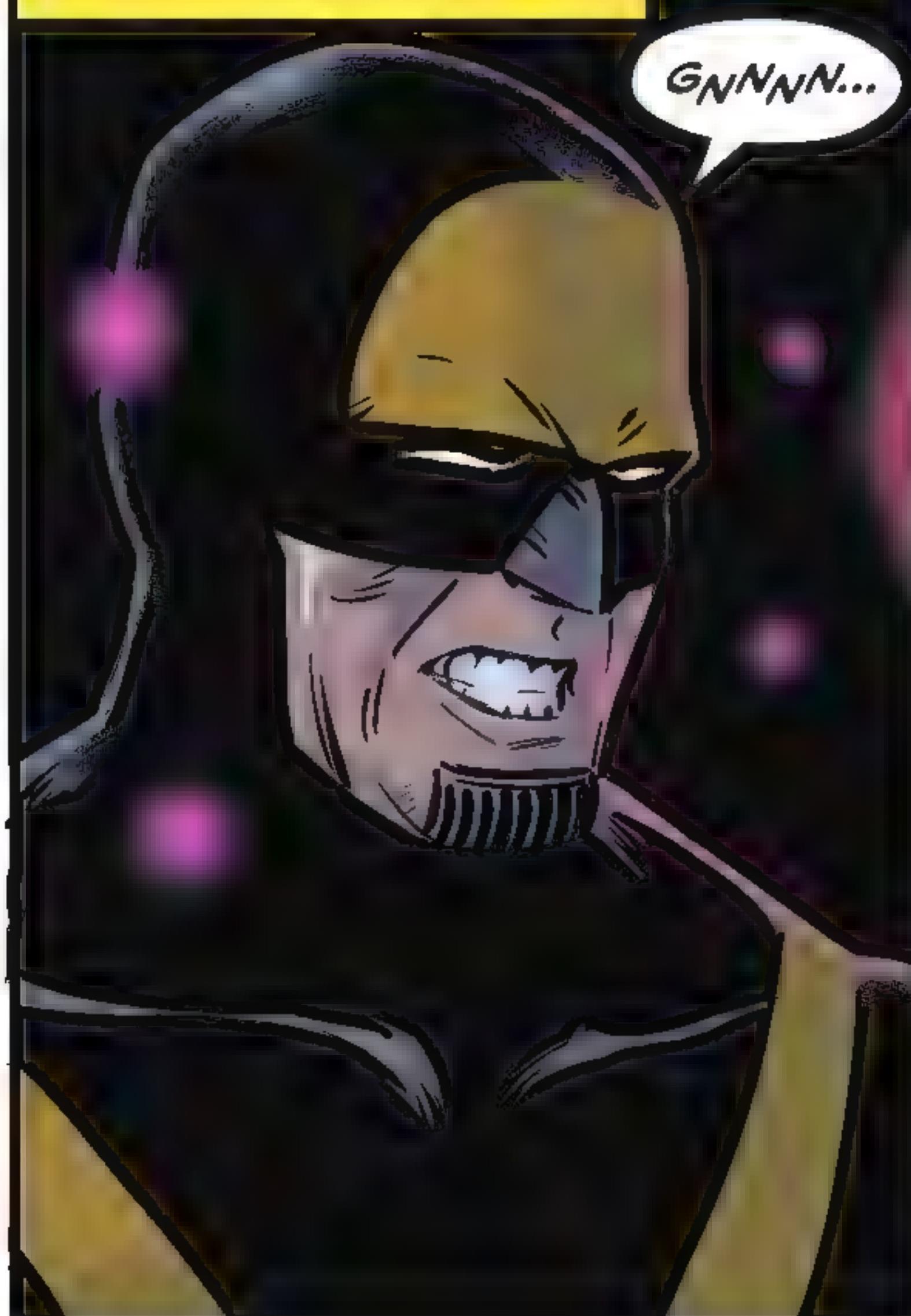
MEANWHILE, AN HOUR'S RIDE AWAY, AT LEAST ON A FAST STEED, A KNIGHT SAT IN A CASTLE AND PREPARED FOR BATTLE.



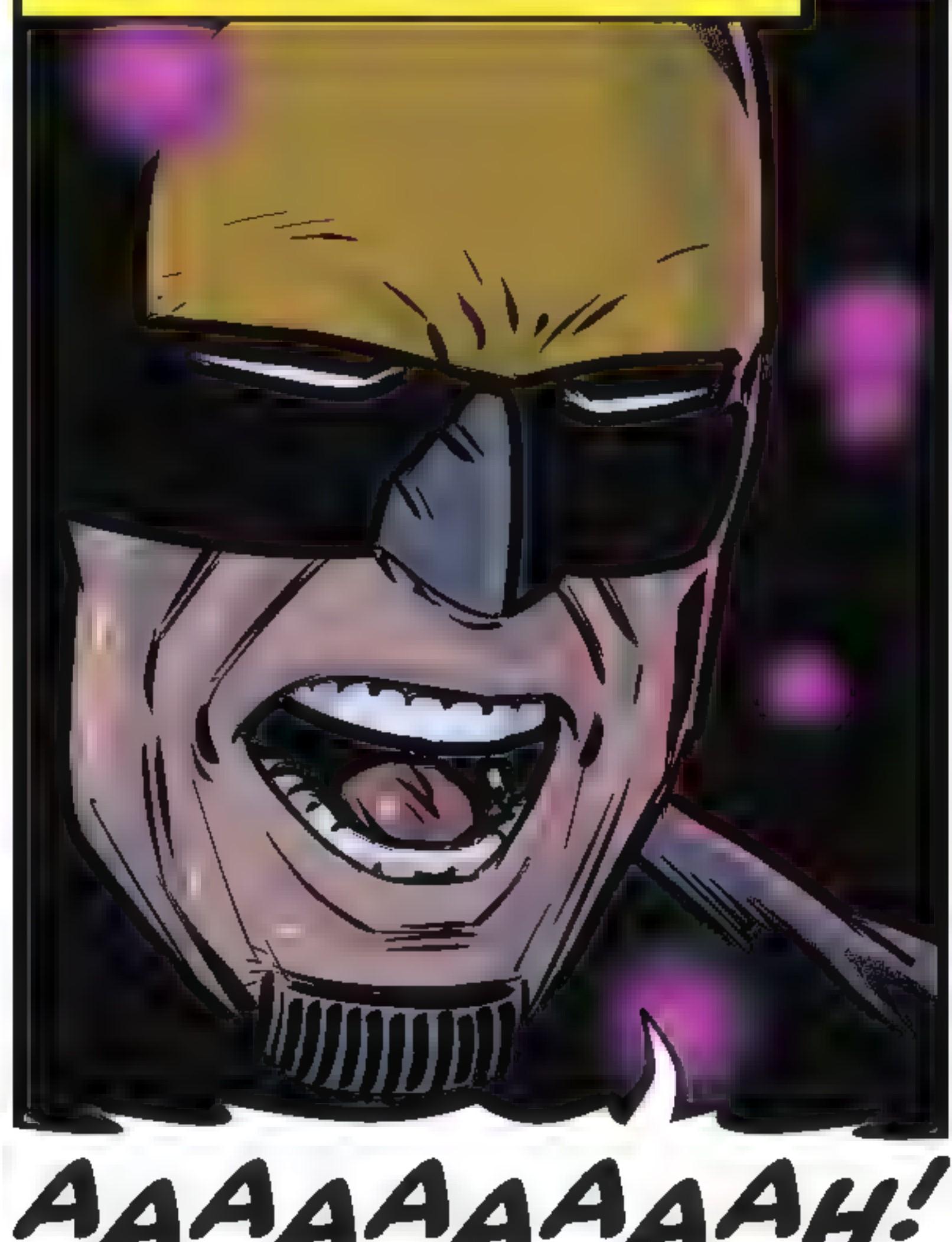
IT IS WELL-KNOWN THAT A KNIGHT MUST OBTAIN THREE SACRED REQUIREMENTS IF HE HOPES TO CONQUER ANY WORTHY FOE.



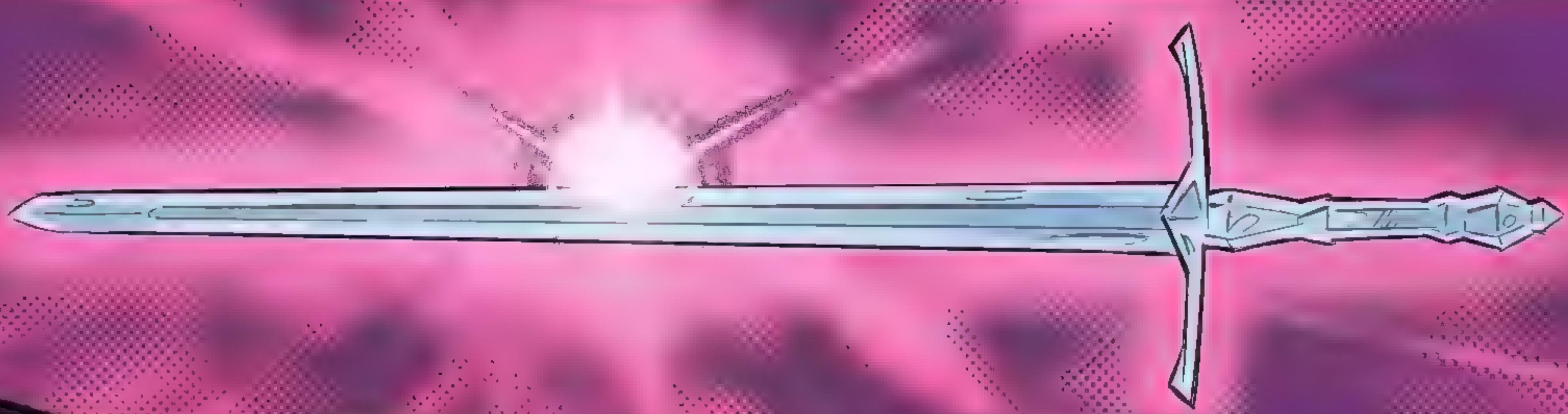
HE NEEDS THE HONED SKILL OF A LIFE OF BITTER COMBAT.



HE NEEDS THE INSTINCTUAL COURAGE ACQUIRED ONLY THROUGH DEDICATION TO A STRICT CODE OF MORALITY AND TEMPERANCE.



AND, OF COURSE, PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY...



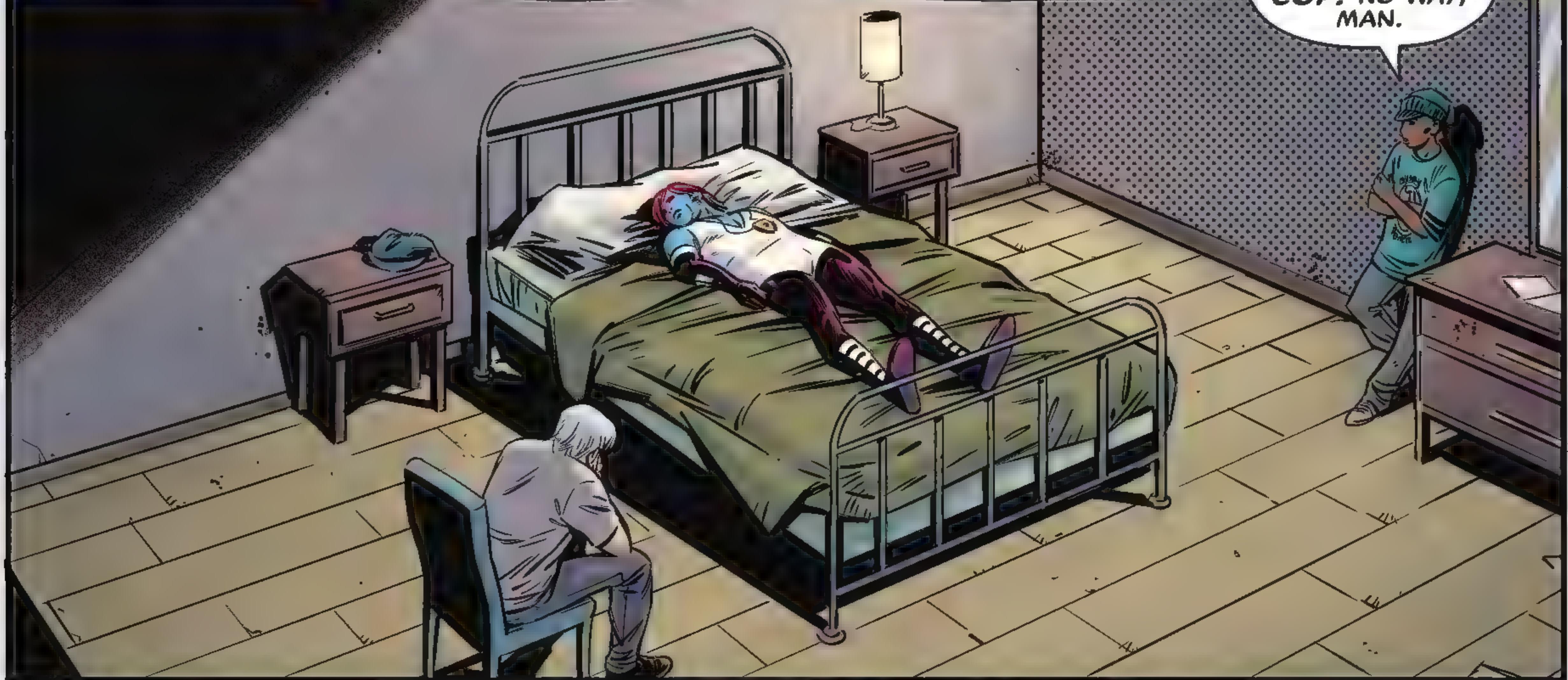
...A GOOD KNIGHT NEEDS A GOOD SWORD.

ACROSS THE KINGDOM,
A PRINCE KEPT WATCH
AT HIS FRIEND'S SIDE.

HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS FOR,
LIKE, EVER. GOOD DAYS
AND BAD ONES,
Y'KNOW?

THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO WAIT TILL
LADY COP LEFT TOWN TO GET YOU
OUT AND WHY THAT @#%\$ HAD TO
BE PRECISE.

HE COULD
FOOL COOPER,
BUT HE ISN'T
FIGHTING LADY
COP. NO WAY,
MAN.



WHAT'S
NEXT?

WE GOT YOU OUT NOW. WITH YOU WE
GOT SOME MUSCLE. SOME BRAINS.
'LEAST ACCORDING TO THE BLUE
MAN THERE.

SO NOW
WE GET THE HELMET
BACK, AND WE BRING
GOOD LOOKS
BACK.

AND
AFTER THAT:
I NEVER KNEW
YOU, YOU NEVER
KNEW ME.



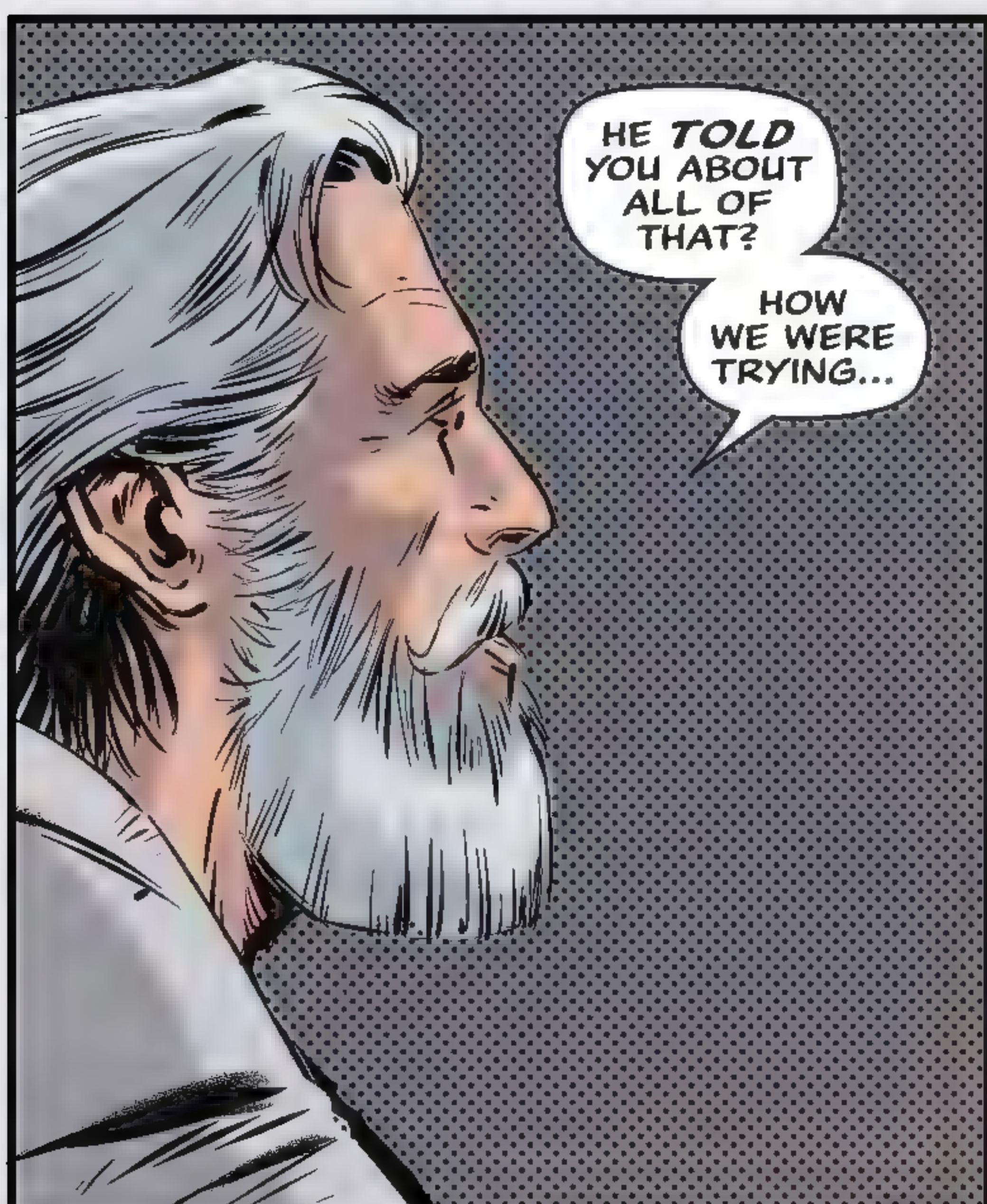
HE TOLD
YOU ABOUT
ALL OF
THAT?

HOW
WE WERE
TRYING...

@#%\$, MAN,
WHY DID YOU
THINK WE DIDN'T
KILL HIM?

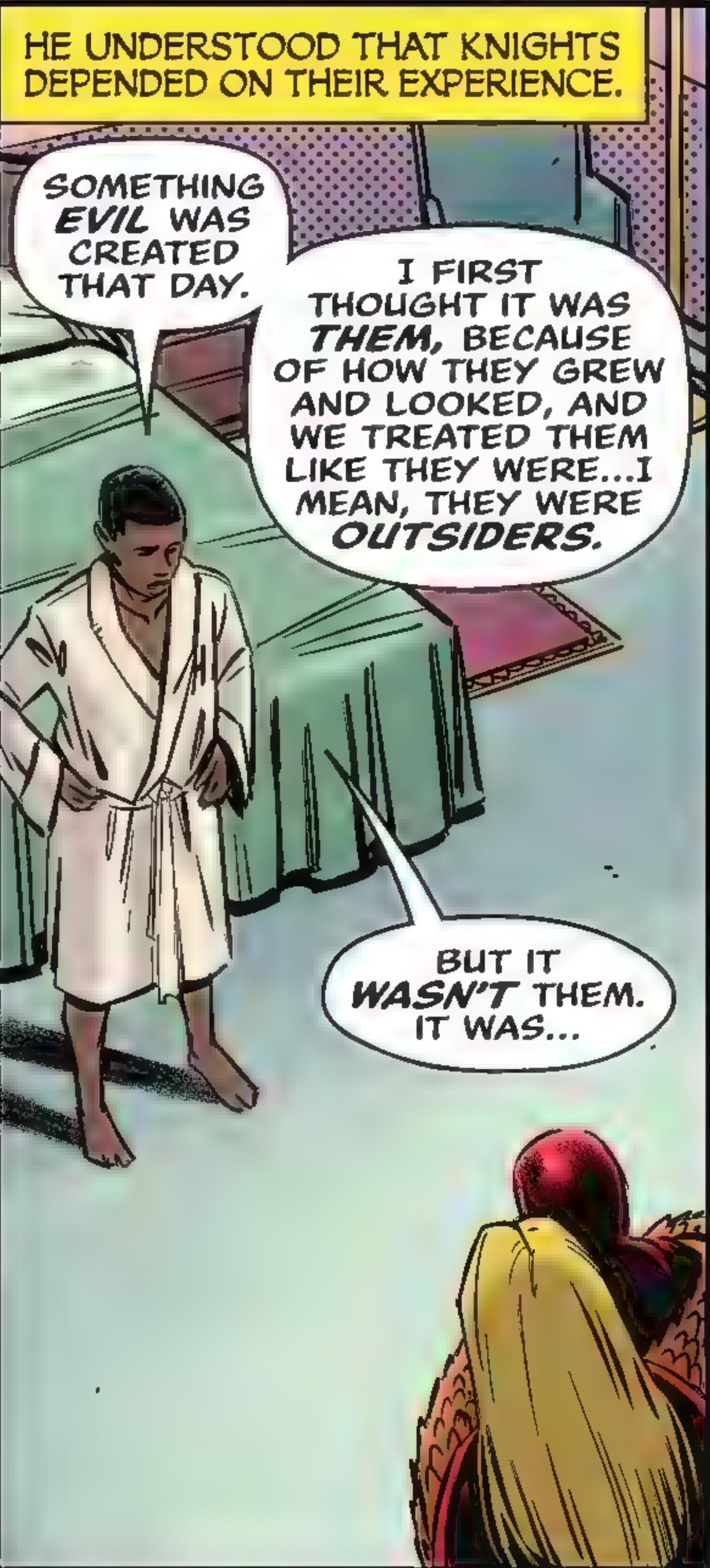
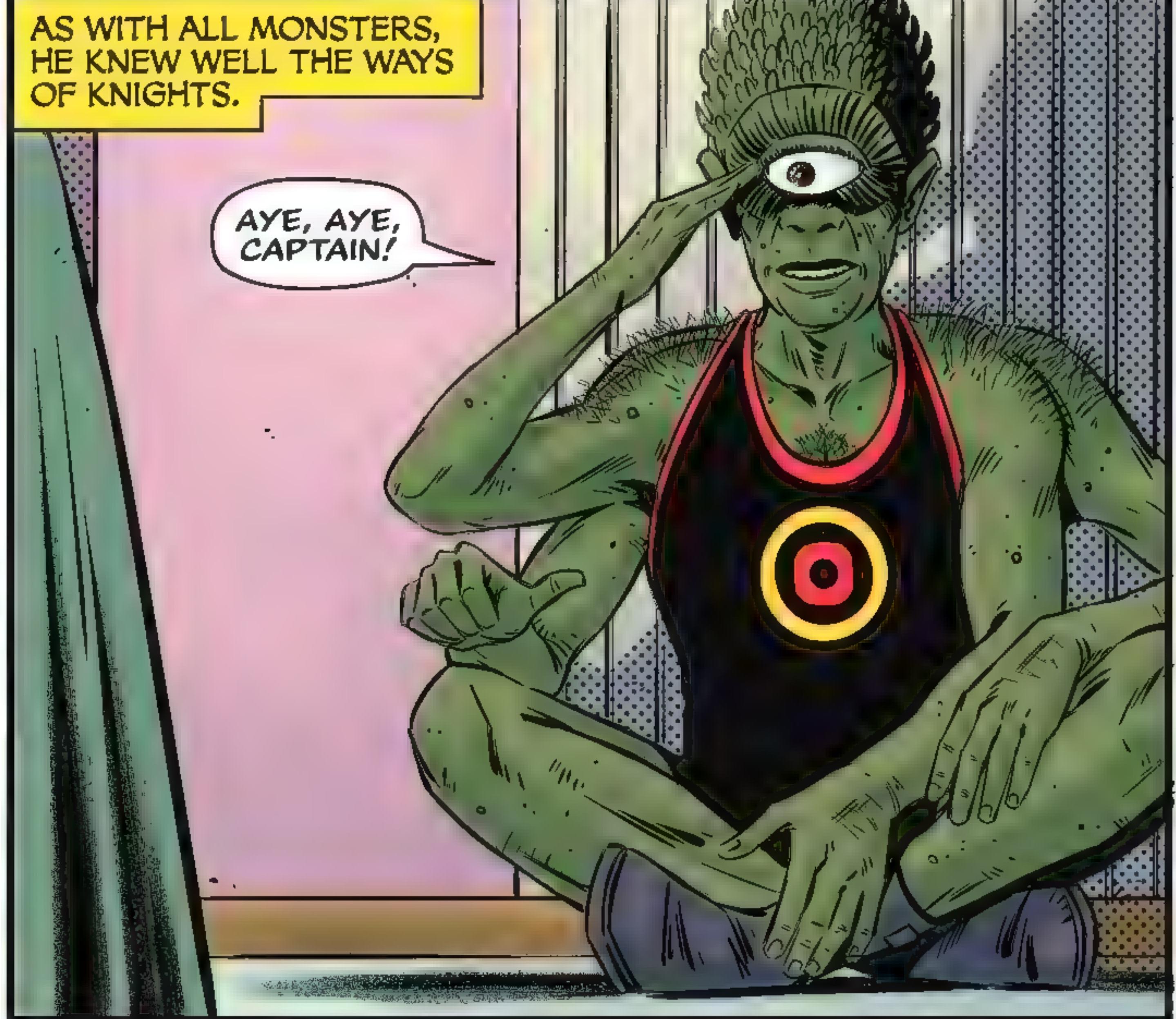
WE NEED
EACH OTHER,
Y'KNOW?

GOOD
DAYS, BAD
DAYS, THAT'S
THE WAY
IT IS.



WHILE OUR PRINCE SOUGHT A WAY FORWARD,
A MONSTER EXECUTED HIS OWN DEVIOUS PLAN.

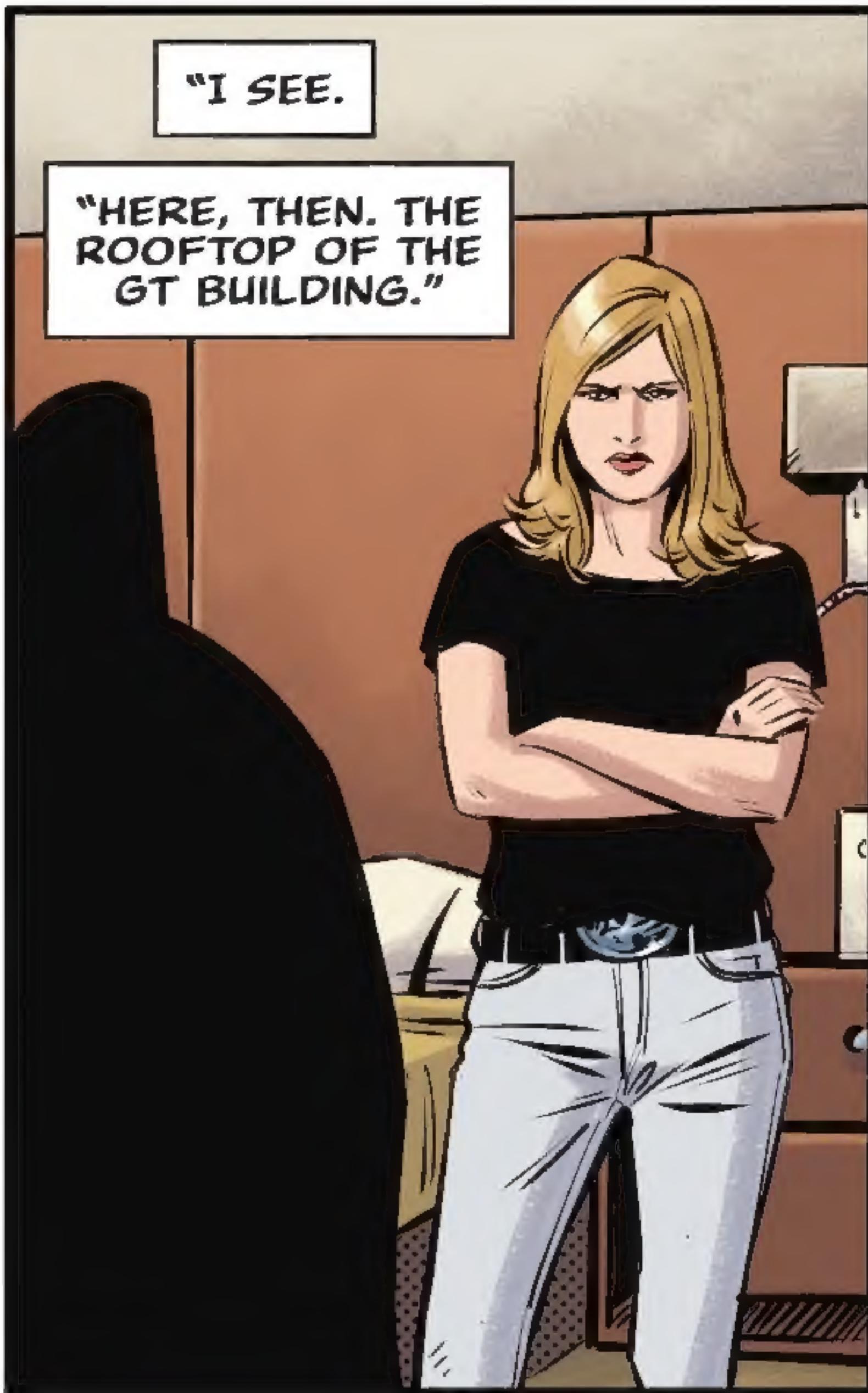
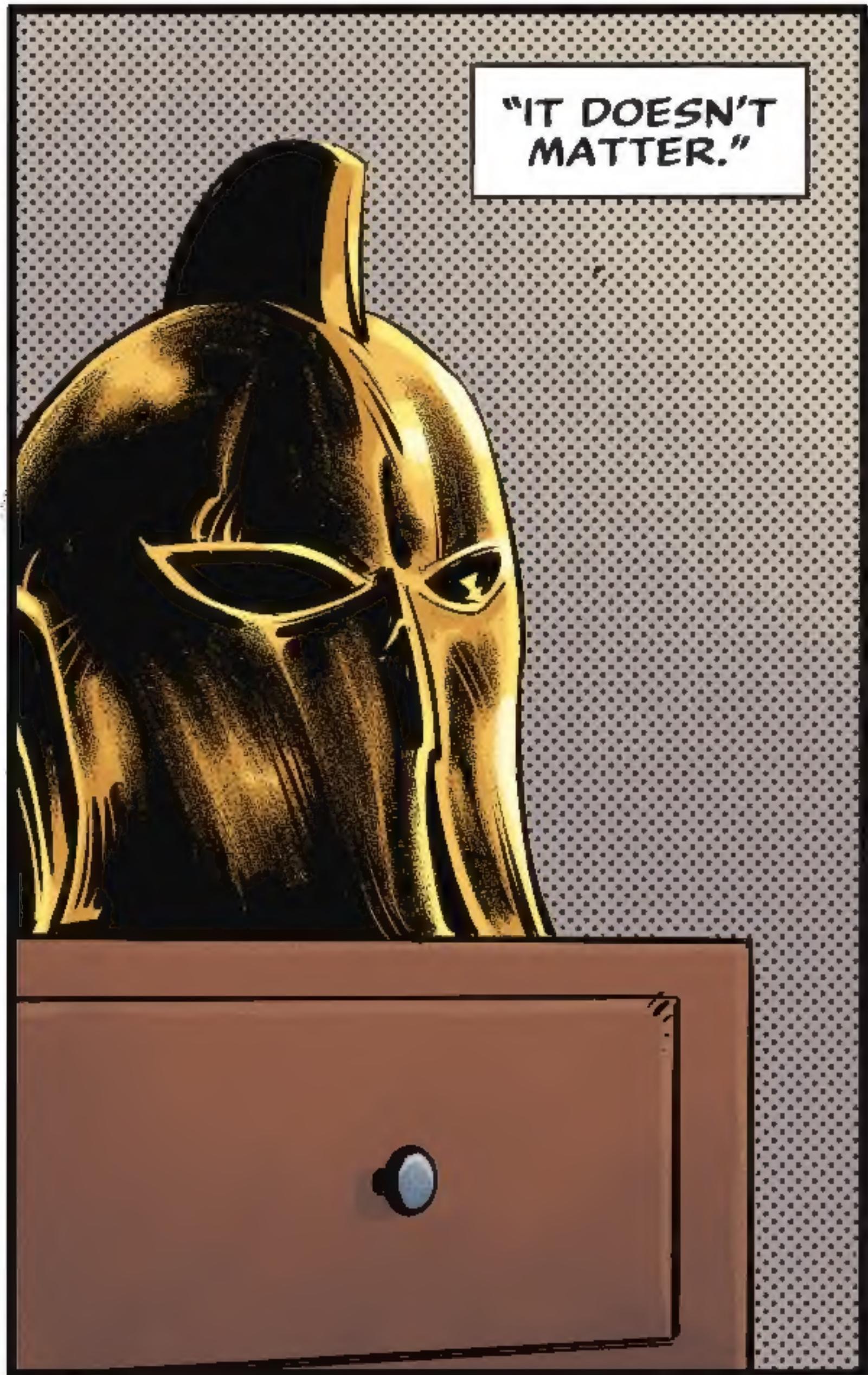
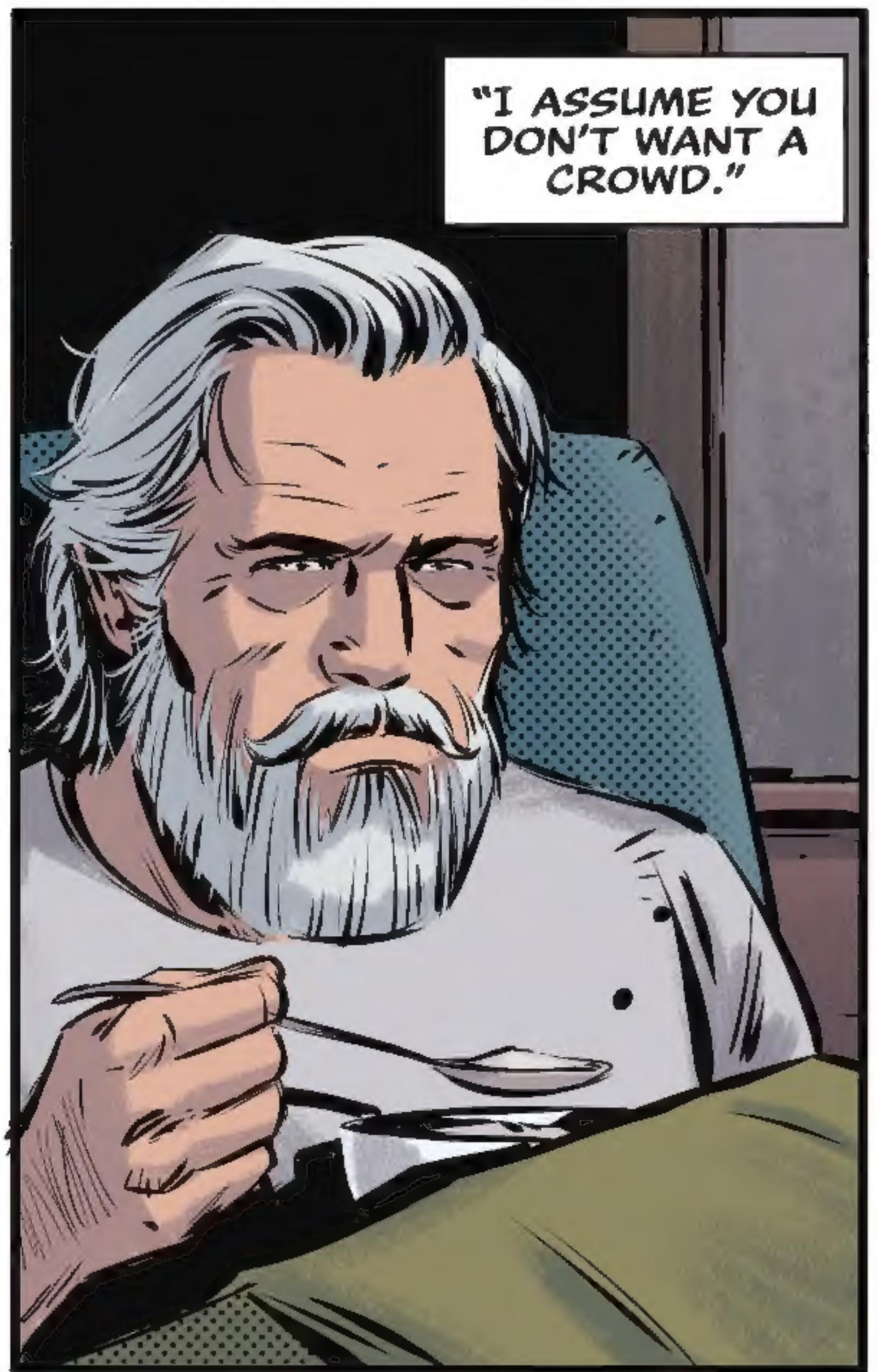
AS WITH ALL MONSTERS,
HE KNEW WELL THE WAYS
OF KNIGHTS.



BACK ACROSS AN OCEAN, FOLLOWING A LONG AND WET MEAL, SEEMINGLY UNAWARE OF HIS DRUNKENNESS, THE OGRE RAMBLED ON.



AND FAR OFF, AND AT LONG LAST, A MIGHTY KNIGHT OF THE REALM THREW DOWN HIS GAUNTLET.



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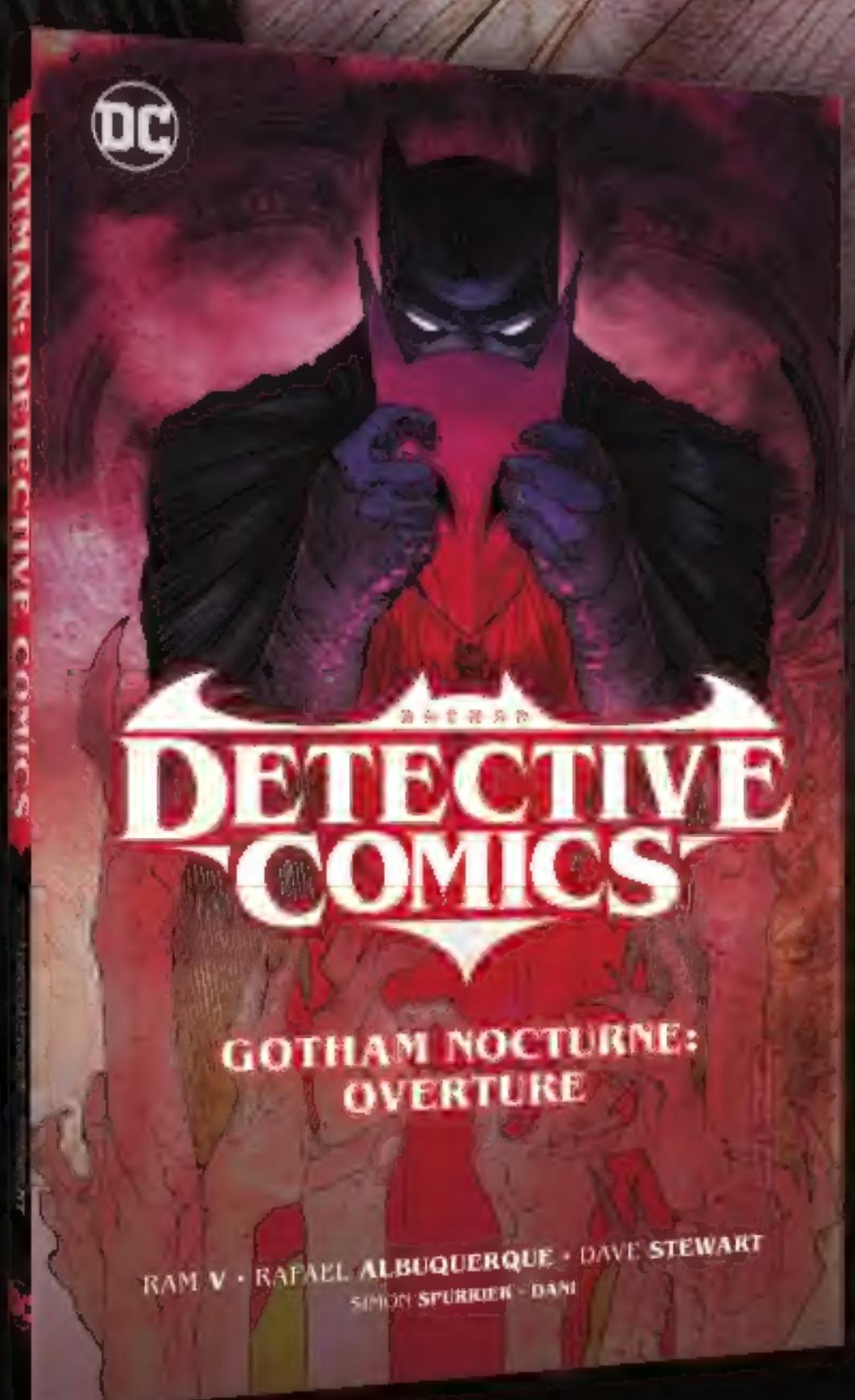
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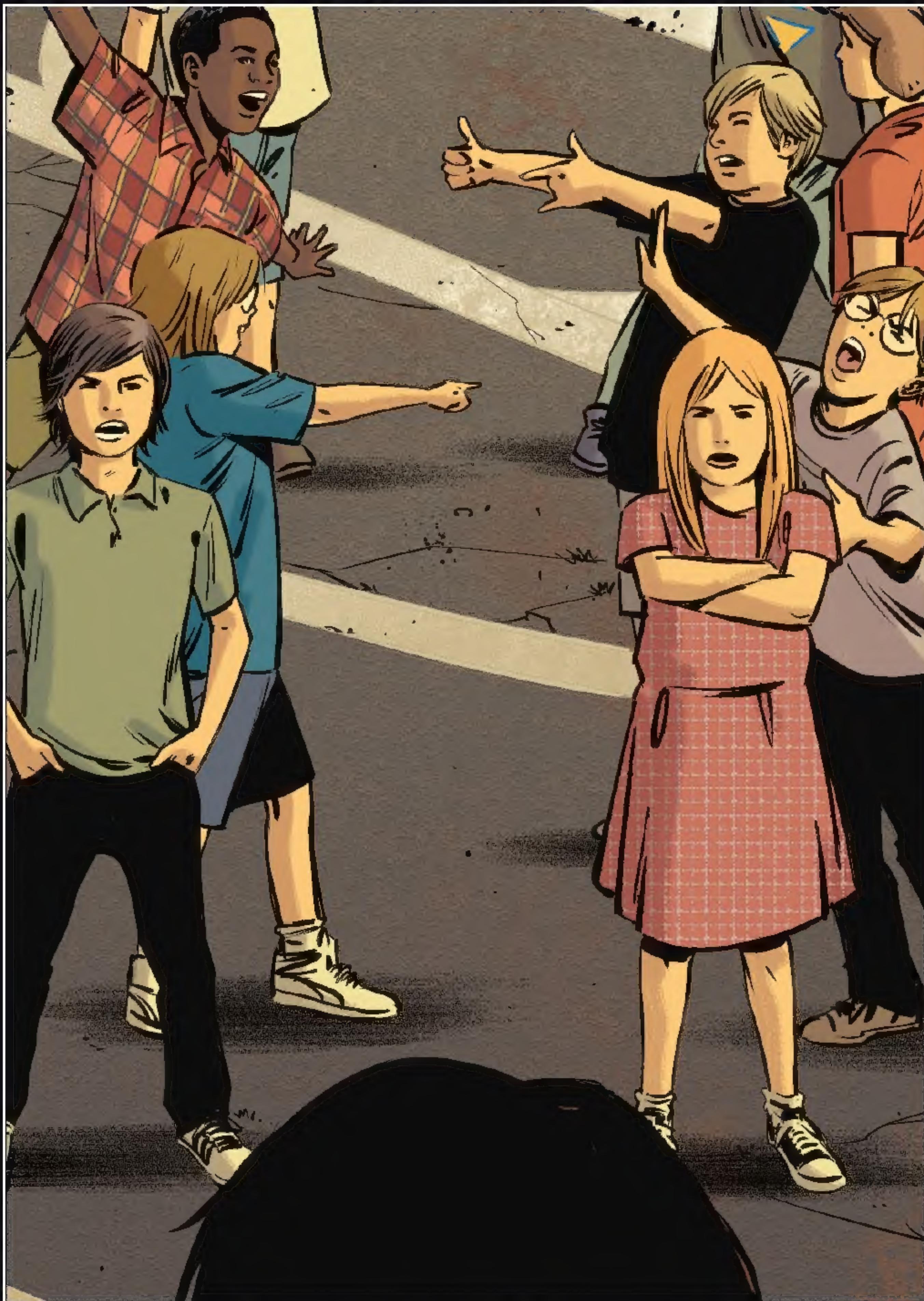
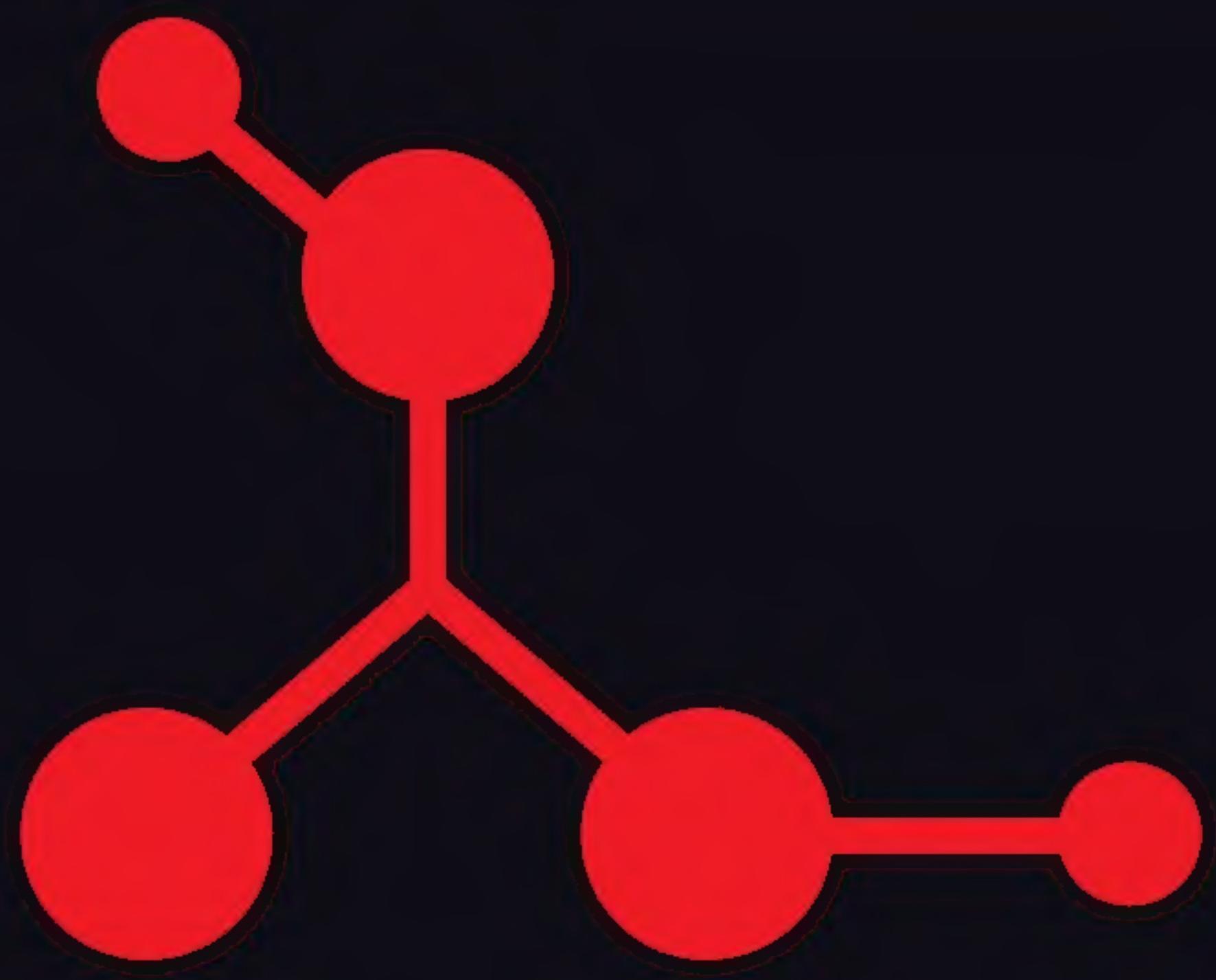
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"ONE SIDE GETS A **DREAM**
COME TRUE. THE OTHER—
A NIGHTMARE."



SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

